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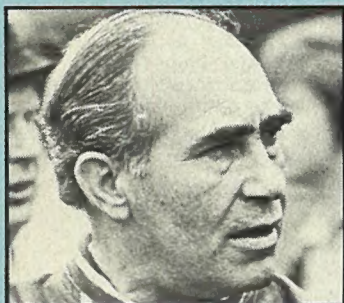
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**IS SKILL
ON THE
DECLINE?**



**Sir ALF RAMSEY
believes so.**

We put the question to
TONY BOOK

Man. City
manager

JIMMY GORDON
Nottm. Forest
coach

IAN CALLAGHAN
Liverpool

Leicester City defender Steve Sims climbs above Stan Bowles of Q.P.R.

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Is skill

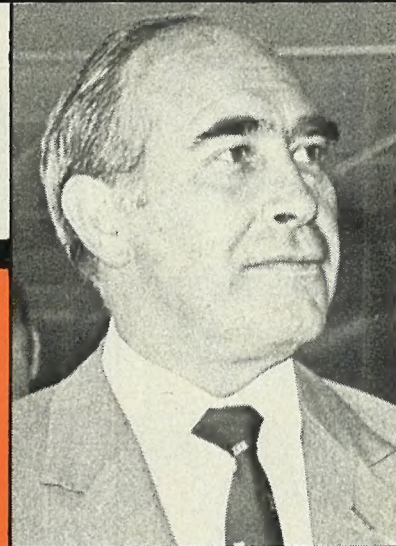
SIR Alf Ramsey, who guided England to their World Cup triumph of 1966, returned to football management, in a temporary capacity, with Birmingham City in early September.

He celebrated his first match in charge by helping Birmingham to their first points of the season in a 2-1 win at Middlesbrough.

His after-match comments were not concentrated on Birmingham's game, but the standard of football in England. His criticism was pointed: "I said a few years ago that the overall standard was satisfactory, although we didn't have any outstanding players . . .

"Now we still lack outstanding players, and the standard is poor."

So Sir Alf implied that skill is on the decline. There are a number of people who agree with him. But also just as many who take the opposing view.



Says Book: "Ray Clemence would make any side in the world. So, too, would Gerry Francis, Mike Channon and Dennis Tueart."

Book also points to a number of talented youngsters. "I keep hearing we are out of the World Cup," he says. "I don't agree, but if we are then why not give a chance to players like John Deehan of Aston Villa, Peter Ward of Brighton and Gary Owen and Peter Barnes of Manchester City? These players are our future."

There is also a case for giving another chance to the highly-skilled players who never seem able to reproduce club form at international level — Alan Hudson, Tony Currie and Stan Bowles among them — or those we have not yet tried, such as Duncan McKenzie of Everton.

Jimmy Gordon, Nottingham Forest's coach is against the idea. "These players tend to play for themselves," he says. "McKenzie has all the skill imaginable, but he does not always work sufficiently hard."

"Stan Bowles is the same. He has wonderful class, but he doesn't use it often enough."

One is Manchester City manager Tony Book, who has a valid point when he says: "Too many people take a certain amount of pleasure from knocking the game."

"This is wrong. In my opinion when we criticise football we are indirectly knocking the players as individuals."

"That's not the way to get the best out of professionals. It is better to boost them, look for their strengths and lift morale."

"If you constantly tell somebody he is not good enough he begins to believe it. It's the same with footballers collectively!"

This may have been our trouble in recent seasons. England are certainly no longer the strongest national side in the world, but the Football League is still unrivalled anywhere.

It is tough, competitive and no place for pretenders. And despite popular opinion to the contrary, we DO have world class players.



Manchester City boss Tony Book (right) believes Aston Villa striker John Deehan is an England star of the future.



on the decline?

"To be of any use with that sort of skill you have to work. I hear people scoff at the phrase 'work-rate' but it means a lot. If, for instance, we could combine Stan Bowles with Mike Channon we would have a world-beater.

Gordon also agrees with Sir Alf Ramsey. He says the test of our football would be to pick a team from Holland, Germany and England, then see how many of our players would be in a combined side.

He believes we have some great club players, but very few capable of making their mark at international level.

On a brighter note however, Gordon predicts our time of world dominance will come again. "Football supremacy goes in cycles," he says. "We hardly ever hear of Hungary now, but in 1953 everybody was talking about them, and even Holland are slipping. We will re-emerge as a football power."

Liverpool veteran Ian Callaghan, who recently broke an 11-year absence from the international scene when he played against Switzerland, does not accept there is anything drastically wrong with English football.

"How can there be?" he says. "Liverpool gave this country the biggest boost we've had for years in May by winning the European Cup. Now we must capitalise on that."

Callaghan thinks we have the

Forest coach Jimmy Gordon (right) believes a combination of Mike Channon (seen here) and Stan Bowles (pictured above) would produce a world beater.



players, but our major problem has been in not having a settled manager since Sir Alf Ramsey was relieved of the job.

In the space of four years Joe Mercer, Don Revie and now Ron Greenwood have all had spells in charge.

One thing that struck Callaghan on his international return was how nervous some of the England players were about playing at Wembley.

"When that is the case they start to worry about the game and the result, often before the kick-off, and continue to do so for 90 minutes, getting more frustrated as time goes on," says Callaghan.

"And let's not forget there has been a general levelling off of footballing standards across the world. Too often the Press forget to mention this fact.

"I'm not suggesting the Swiss were in the class of the Germans, but they defended well, spurred on by the fact they were playing at Wembley, and in Rene Botteron they have a world class player."

Like Tony Book, "Cally" will not give up on England's World Cup chances until it is mathematically impossible for them to reach Argentina.

He also offers a suggestion to get there. "Bring the Italians North to Old Trafford or Anfield," he says. "They would not like 60,000 people breathing down their necks, and I'm sure the England players would welcome the change."

Callaghan is a believer in the old saying that if you haven't anything good to say — then keep quiet. The critics, like Sir Alf, would do well to take heed.

Liverpool veteran Ian Callaghan doesn't accept there is THAT much wrong with English soccer.



BRITAIN IN EUROPE...



PSV Eindhoven's Rene van der Kerkhof (above, left) goes past Davie Cull of Glenavon during their U.E.F.A. Cup clash. The Dutch progressed to the Second Round on an 11-2 aggregate. After an encouraging 0-0 draw in Belgium with RWD Molenbeek, Aberdeen (left, Joe Harper in action) were surprisingly beaten 2-1 at Pittodrie and so failed at the first hurdle of this season's U.E.F.A. Cup tournament. Manchester United (below, dark shorts) are under pressure in their Cup-Winners' Cup clash with St.-Etienne in France. The game finished 1-1.





Cardiff City's Brian Attley (above, left) blocks a shot from FC Austria's Morales in a Cup-Winners' Cup-tie in Wales. The first-leg finished in a 0-0 draw and Cardiff were eliminated by a 1-0 defeat in the return. Celtic had little trouble defeating the Luxembourg part-timers Jeunesse Esch (Bobby Lennox, right, light strip is beaten to the ball). They progressed to the Second Round of the European Cup on an emphatic 11-1 aggregate scoreline. Aston Villa's John Deehan (below, centre) glides in a header during the first-leg 4-0 win against Fenerbahce of Turkey at Villa Park. The Midland club won the second-leg 2-0.



NEXT WEEK Liverpool begin the defence of the European Cup that stands gleaming in pride of place in our trophy room at Anfield, and it could prove to be an even harder task than winning it.

For, glancing through the list of clubs that have qualified for the Second Round — Liverpool were given a bye, a free passage in the First — I'm struck by the fact there are more strong sides involved than in last season's tournament.

In our favour is our record in Europe over the past 13 seasons — a record of which any team can be proud — and which has earned us the reputation of a team to be feared.

Even Borussia Monchengladbach

pean debut until 1969, I was always involved, as deputy to first team goalkeeper Tommy Lawrence.

I'm often asked whether it places additional burden on us that we find difficult to bear, and whether we would prefer a season's break. I reply we enjoy it.

Travelling around the Continent, playing matches, is a welcome contrast to the week-in, week-out slog in the League. Far more exciting than spending a week training at Melwood.

when they astonishingly crashed 1-0 to "newcomers" Chelsea at home three days later in September.

Despite ten years of European football, I can recall my baptism as though it were yesterday. At home to Republic of Ireland side Dundalk we treated the Anfield fans to a feast of goals, winning 10-0.

I wasn't exactly over-worked. In the second-leg of that Fairs Cup (now U.E.F.A., of course) First Round, I had a bit more to do, but we won comfortably by four goals

to nil in Ireland.

My first experience of playing against West German stars came in the Fourth Round of the same competition the following season, when we met Bayern Munich in the first-leg at Anfield. In their line-up were such names as Franz Beckenbauer, Gerd Muller and Sepp Maier.

But we overshadowed them, with

'More strong sides competing'

— our opponents in that never-to-be-forgotten Final in Rome — a side renowned for their attacking style, betrayed awesome respect for us when, instead of operating with their usual three strikers, used one for about 80 per cent of the match and only two for the rest of the time.

They were wary of throwing too many men forward, knowing our ability to hit hard on the break like a Champion prizefighter.

Usually the U.E.F.A. Cup is the hardest to win, as the competition normally consists of teams that have finished just behind the Champions and are reaching their peak. Often they end that particular season in their respective top slots.

There's also an extra round in the U.E.F.A. because more teams are involved.

Easiest European trophy to win is the Cup-Winners' Cup — providing you are drawn against some of the many weak sides that always make up the numbers in the competition.

In the two seasons Liverpool have taken part, in 1971-72, and 1974-75, our luck ran out in the Second Rounds, when we were knocked out by "big guns" West Germany's Bayern Munich and Hungary's Ferencvaros respectively.

When I first joined Liverpool, in 1967, the club were enjoying their fourth season in Europe, and although I did not make my Euro-

RAY CLEMENCE talking soccer

Unfortunately, we get little time for sightseeing and meeting the people, as we spend most of our time in airports, planes, hotel rooms and football grounds.

Even so, we do get a glimpse of the life-styles of other countries and after comparing them with that in England, I've come to the conclusion I wouldn't want to live anywhere else, with the possible exceptions of West Germany and Holland.

The Iron Curtain countries are so drab and colourless. I always get the impression anyone who opened a paint-shop in one of them would become a millionaire in double-quick time.

A team's disappointing performance in the League has often been blamed on its having played a gruelling match in Europe in mid-week. This has happened to Liverpool, when we have not lived up to our high standards, but we are now so experienced that generally we are unaffected.

Manchester United may have been suffering from the after-effects of their great game against the crack French side, St-Etienne,



Ray after Liverpool's second U.E.F.A. Cup Final victory

Royal Arsenal

How did Arsenal get their rather strange nickname of "The Gunners"?

CHRIS MINTY, SWINDON

● From the same source as they got their official name, Arsenal, Chris!

The club was formed in 1886 by munition workers at the famous Royal Arsenal at Woolwich.

They played first as Royal Arsenal, and then Woolwich Arsenal, before becoming just plain Arsenal when they moved across London to Highbury in 1913 — and of course it was guns, for gunners, which the original old-time members of the club made in their work.

Birmingham's Frank Clack

My grandfather, Frank Clack, was a professional footballer with Birmingham before the last War. How many games did he play for them?

TONI WRIGHT, WITNEY

● Sorry to say, Toni, a lot of club records were destroyed or lost during the War years — and so it's just not possible to give you the exact figure.

But Goalkeeper Grand-dad Clack — born, where you live, in Witney, Oxfordshire — joined Birmingham from the local Witney Town club in 1933, and remained with Blues into the last peacetime season.

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Forest in Europe

How often have newly-promoted Nottingham Forest played in the big European competitions, and how did they get on?

DAVID REILLY, WEST GERMANY

● Only twice, each time in the old Fairs Cup, David.

In 1961-62, Forest went out to Valencia in the First Round — losing 0-2 away, and 1-5 at home.

Then, in 1967-68, they beat Eintracht Frankfurt in the First Round — 1-0 away; 4-0 at home — only to go down to FC Zurich on the away-goals rule in the Second (winning 2-1 at home, and losing 0-1 away).

a voiciferous Kop's help, and won convincingly by 3-0.

The second-leg was delayed by a day due to a waterlogged pitch in Munich. Our then-manager, Bill Shankly, a master at devising tactics to unsettle the opposition, decided to put a man on Franz Beckenbauer, Bayern's inspiration. Ian Ross got the job, which he did so effectively "The Kaiser" went farther and farther back in a bid to shake him off — and Ian found himself in the position to score and equalise the one goal scored by Bayern — an own-goal by yours truly!

In the Semi-Finals we were drawn against Leeds United, our biggest rivals in England at that time, and lost the first-leg at Anfield by 1-0 (their skipper Billy Bremner put the ball past me), and were held to a goal-less draw in the second at Elland Road. And Leeds went on to take the Fairs Cup by beating Juventus on the away-goals rule in the last season it was played for!

The following season we met Bayern again at Anfield. They had learned a lesson from their previous experience, pulling everyone back into defence including Gerd Muller, and going away well pleased with a nil-nil scoreline. In Munich they had their revenge with a 3-1 win. The only good thing to emerge from the tie was Alun Evans being invited back later to receive German

TV's "Goal of the Season" award!

Season 1972-73 was to see us set up a milestone in Liverpool's history by winning our first European trophy, the U.E.F.A. Cup. And all because of another of Shanks' perceptive tactical switches.

The first-leg of the Final, at Anfield, against Borussia Monchengladbach, had to be called off after 20 minutes, and no score, due to the swamp-like state of the rain-drenched pitch, but during that time our boss had noticed the Germans were vulnerable in the air. So on the following night he brought in John Toshack for Brian Hall.

Consequently, Tosh played havoc with headed knock-downs and flicks. Kevin Keegan scored twice and Larry Lloyd once.

My moment of glory came when I saved a penalty!

And how we needed that 3-0 lead in Monchengladbach. In the first-half the Germans played at a 100 miles an hour, with Gunter Netzer brilliant in midfield, knocking 50-yard passes with tremendous accuracy. We were fortunate to be only two-nil down at half-time.

Shanks delivered one of his famous pep-talks then, reminding us of our tradition of "never say die".

For ten minutes after the resumption the Germans continued to press us hard. Then, suddenly, they blew up! They could sustain it no

longer. We then took the advantage, and could have pegged back a brace of goals if we had taken our chances.

Two years later we again won the U.E.F.A. Cup, beating Belgian club Bruges 4-3 on aggregate in two exciting ties. In the first, at Anfield, we recovered from being two-nil down to win 3-2.

In Bruges, something every team dreads happened. We lost an early goal. The ball bounced awkwardly in our rutted box, hit Tommy Smith's hand and the ref gave a penalty. Their Raoul Lambert converted with a fierce, finely-placed shot that I couldn't have saved in a million years.

But within three minutes we'd equalised. Emlyn side-footed a free-kick outside their box, Kevin ran on to it and blasted the ball home.

Our next great game on foreign soil came less than ten months later, on March 2nd of this year, when we met French Champions St-Etienne in the first-leg of the European Cup Quarter-Finals. The atmosphere was Anfield-like. The gates were locked two hours before the kick-off and the fans were warmed up with a game between the under-21's of St-Etienne and, I believe, Nantes.

We quietened them down with possession football in the first-half. But, like The Kop, they steadfastly

encouraged their team in the second. At last, Bathenay rewarded them with a well-taken goal.

In the return the atmosphere was just as electric, only this time our fans out-chanted theirs. Kevin Keegan, who hadn't played in the first-leg through injury, put the scores level with a chipped shot over 'keeper Curkovic's head.

Six minutes into the second-half, the deadly Bathenay was allowed time and space to hit a 30-yard shot that went past me like a guided missile. That silenced The Kop, but only for a while.

They resumed in full voice, spurring us to greater efforts. The thought that St-Etienne had only conceded Kevin's goal in the whole competition was no deterrent.

Super-sub

In the 58th minute our efforts were rewarded. Ray Kennedy put us in front again. But that goal wasn't enough. Their goal away from home would count double and put them through if the score remained. We had to get another — and Davey Fairclough, our "super-sub", obliged.

The Kop erupted as I've never known before. Anfield literally rocked to a joyous "We Shall Not Be Moved" and the corruption of St-Etienne's battle-cry: "Allez Les Rouges"!

And 20,000 of those fantastic supporters trekked to Rome to inspire us to that history-making Final win over Borussia.

Now if we can only put on a repeat performance at Wembley, this season's Final venue!

But first we have to dispose of Dynamo Dresden, the East German side we beat with an aggregate score of 2-1 on the way to our U.E.F.A. Cup win in 1976.

The first-leg of our Second Round tie is at Anfield, where we hope to build a handsome lead to defend over there.

Meet me same place, next week

Ray Clemence



Near miss Argyle

Is it true Plymouth finished runners-up in the old Third Division (South) six years running?

KATE RIDER, BRISTOL

● True enough, Kate — the six seasons of 1921-22 to 1926-27 inclusive. And so, with only one club to be promoted, they missed-out by a whisker each time.

In 1927-28, Plymouth dropped one place to third; in 1928-29, another to fourth — but they finally made it, with a comfortable seven points to spare over second-placed Brentford, in 1929-30.

SHORT PASSES

6ft. 4½ins; Q.P.R.'s Phil Parkes is 6ft. 3ins.

(C. BROOKS, *Shepherds Bush*)

● Hibernian's record win is 15-1 — v. Peebles Rovers; Scottish Cup; 11th February, 1961.

(BRUCE GORRIE, *Hamilton*)

● Evergreen "old-timer" Ian Callaghan made his League debut for Liverpool as long ago as April, 1960.

(MICHAEL NICHOLS, *Farnborough*)

● Goal-ace Andy Gray was transferred from Dundee United to Aston Villa for £110,000 on 1st October, 1975.

(RODDY KEENAN, *London*)
N.W.10

● Trevor Brooking's first full England cap was in Sir Alf Ramsey's last game — the 0-0 draw in Portugal on 3rd April, 1974.

(JOHN TALBOT, *Dublin*)

● Terry Bly scored 52 goals in 46 Fourth Division games for Peterborough in 1960-61.

(RAYMOND GARLICK, *Derby*)

● Chelsea's Mick Droy and Manchester City's Joe Corrigan are both

Pat Jennings

I'm a Spurs' fan, and my favourite player is Pat Jennings — even though he's now moved to Arsenal! When did he gain his first full international cap?

PHILIP ASTLEY, MAIDENHEAD.

● Quite a long time ago now, Philip — in Northern Ireland's 3-2 win over Wales at Swansea on 15th April, 1964.

In both that game — and his next, a 3-0 win against Uruguay, a fortnight later — Jennings was still a Watford player.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

LAW'S PLAN FOR ENGLAND



PAUL POWER

THERE'S an old adage in sport which says if you're good enough you're old enough.

And that was exactly the message former Manchester United and Scotland star Denis Law (left) put across after watching this term's Manchester derby at Maine Road.

Having played for both clubs in his brilliant career Denis knows both camps better than most and appreciates what it's like to play in a Manchester derby.

This year City won 3-1 with a blistering display, their first win over United after three successive defeats, and Denis heaped praise on some of City's youngsters.

"Three days earlier I had watched England struggle to find a way through the Switzerland defence at Wembley, and I'm convinced they have the answer in Manchester — good old-fashioned wingers," said Denis.

"City are a joy to watch these days with the likes of Peter Barnes and Dennis Tueart.

"Dennis couldn't play in the derby because of the injury which also kept him out of the international but I thought Peter had a fabulous game.

"He's a strong boy who has all the skill in the world going for him. He can cross a good ball and I think he should be in the England team now.

"He isn't the only City youngster I'd pick either. Gary Owen impresses me more and more every time I see him, and I think now is the time England should be picking boys like this.

"Ron Greenwood should take a look at Paul Power as well. He really lives up to his name — and I must say he's surprised me. He's turned out to be a far better player than I ever thought he would.

"If England played both Barnes and Tueart wide with someone big in the middle to feed off them, I'm sure England would soon start scoring goals again."

Incidentally, Denis takes the credit for Manchester United's revival over the past three years.

"I scored the goal for City which sent them down to the Second Division — but I did them a good turn in the long run. Just look how they've come back since that day!"

GORDON CLARK, the former Arsenal chief scout, who brought Liam Brady, Frank Stapleton and David O'Leary to Highbury, has uncovered another Irish star of the future.

Clark, now with Fulham, has put one over his former employers with the capture of 16-year-old midfielder Declan O'Doherty of Stella Maris, the famous Dublin schoolboy club.

O'Doherty was recommended to Arsenal but they didn't pursue the tip. Wolves were also interested, but Clark's persuasive powers won the day for Fulham.

DEAN SMITH, Leicester's 18-year-old striker, often worries opposing defenders with his busy style of play.

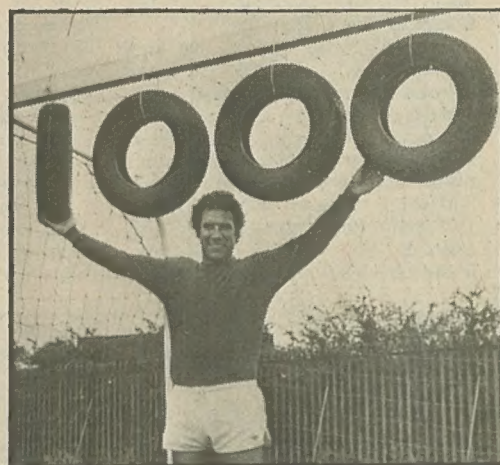
Young Dean just likes to get in the action which isn't surprising for an energetic athlete who was winning cross-country titles when he was only 15.

And the local Leicester boy didn't look out of touch on the wide open spaces of Wembley when he played there in a six-a-side tournament.

BERT HILTON is the manager of the Goodyear Tyre & Rubber Company's distribution depot at Fordhouses, Wolverhampton. Which explains why he used four car tyres to illustrate the fact he recently played his 1,000th game in goal for his works' team.

Bert started playing for Goodyear at the age of 15, and today, at 44, is still regarded as one of the most agile 'keepers in his League.

One thousand games in goal must be something of a record.



HURRY FOR NAREY

ENGLISH fans are still raving about Dundee United's last sale to a club South of the border. That player was, of course, Andy Gray, snapped up by Aston Villa for a bargain £110,000.

However, there could be another Tannadice player thrilling audiences in England soon ... international starlet Dave Narey, one of the most accomplished sweepers in Scotland.

Narey has indicated that his future lies elsewhere and manager Jim McLean may reluctantly let him go.

"There will be no more bargains, though," he says. "Andy Gray was a snip and that won't happen again." English clubs had better hurry, though. I hear Celtic are more than a little interested in the boy's future.



BRIGHTON boss Alan Mullery appears to have signed a real winner in John Ruggiero (above) who cost £30,000 from Stoke City during the summer.

The 22-year-old former England schoolboy trialist is happy to play in any forward position ... and that represents a really nice type of player to have around.

As a star-struck youngster, the

Blurton-born prospect had one ambition ... to play for Stoke City in the First Division. He got that wish last season.

Now with Stoke relegated from the First and Brighton promoted from the Third, ambitious Ruggiero will be all out to put one over his old team-mates when the two clubs clash at the Victoria Ground this Saturday (October 15th).

NEWS DESK

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TV SHIRTS

HIBS' NEW strip for televised matches only is a purple shirt with yellow and green banding on the white sleeves and shorts.

The Bukta name has been reduced to 2.5 square inches and this is balanced on the other chest by the club crest.

No other club in Britain wears purple and the move was made after the television companies refused to screen Hibs' games if they wore a strip with large Bukta lettering as they now have on their more familiar strip of green with white sleeves.

The dispute led to a football black-out on TV in Scotland on September 10 and 11. The compromise was agreed at a special meeting in Glasgow on September 13.

THE versatility of 18-year-old Rob Higgins has proved of great value to Second Division strugglers Burnley.

Bolsover-born Higgins went on Burnley's professional staff as a centre-half, but this season he stepped in for striker Paul Fletcher.

Rob, former England schoolboy international, started with Burnley as an associated schoolboy, switching to apprentice pro in July, 1975, and to professional a year later.

Opposing defenders must be ready for Rob's quick bursts of speed and general ability as a runner. He was the East Derbyshire Champion for the 100 and 400 metres.

THEY'LL surely award the freedom of Rochdale for the next player who scores a hat-trick for the Lancashire club. No one has done that since Hughen Riley hit three against Brighton back in January, 1971. No other club in the Football League has been without a hat-trick for that long.

THE TRANSFER of Kenny Dalglish from Celtic to Liverpool had a reverberating effect on Scottish football. Celtic splashed out £70,000 of the Dalglish money on Dundee United's big striker, Tom McAdam.

The Tannadice club then spent £60,000 of that money on a replacement, Dumbarton's John Bourke.

Then Graham Fyfe, who left Rangers for Hibs three seasons ago, returned West to fill the gap left in the Boghead squad. He cost Dumbarton around £6,000.

IT WAS certainly good to see Ian Callaghan back in an England shirt for the Swiss game, after such a long absence — and you may not have noticed that one of his old colleagues has just made a move, too.

Ex-Liverpool buddie Chris Lawler has returned to his native North-West from Portsmouth, and is now playing full-back for Stockport County.

soccer swot



WHEN Geoff Nulty left grammar school at Prescott, Lancashire, he passed up the chance of a place at university and chose the hard school of professional soccer instead.

But he always had twinges of regret at having turned his back on gaining a degree.

So, while at Burnley he began an Open University course, studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Now, the Newcastle skipper is in his fourth year of the six year course and spends 14-15 hours a week swotting subjects such as economics, psychology, sociology and politics.

"But I'm not a book-worm in the strict sense of the word," said Geoff. "I still have time for other pursuits off the park... such as golf and photography."

● Photo shows Geoff "at work" with his books.

ONE OF the Football League's stalwarts of the lower Divisions, Crewe defender Tommy Lowry, recently decided to call it a day.

Since 1966, Tommy had gone about his work in a quiet efficient manner at the heart of the Crewe defence, playing in all a record 480 matches for the club in League and Cup.

Not even a cancerous infection of the ear could stop Tommy turning out week after week two years ago, but now at the age of 31, Tommy has found the game a bit too much.

His switch from full-time to part-time meant extra training was necessary, and all that took its toll.

Tommy didn't feel able to maintain the peak of fitness required for League football, through evening sessions after his day's work at Rolls-Royce as a machinist.

"I decided to finish with football completely," he says. "I know I shall miss the game and probably in the near future I'll get the urge to play for some local club, but for the moment I have knocked a nail in the wall and hung the boots on it."

A shame, because football could do with a few more Tommy Lowrys.

GLENTORAN's Stephen O'Neill scored Northern Ireland's fastest goal of the season so far — in just 36 seconds — when he hit his side's first in their 3-1 Ulster Cup win v. Glenavon, on the opening day of the term.

TOPPING HATTER

SOME PEOPLE reckon that clubs' summer tours are just an excuse for a jaunt or a variation in pre-season training. But Luton boss Harry Haslam and striker Jimmy Husband reckon they are worth a great deal.

Husband, who scored four goals in a match for the first time in his career against Charlton, put his early season sharpness down to the pre-season tour of St. Louis (U.S.A.), New Zealand and Fiji.

He said: "I do not usually start hitting goals so early in the season... until around Christmas time. But this year I've started early thanks to that tour which helped us settle into a rhythm."

Certainly there are no complaints from The Hatters' fans at the way they started, so who knows, perhaps Luton will do an extended pre-season tour next year.

FORMER West Brom player Ray Treacy is in sparkling form for his new club Shamrock Rovers. He scored in his home debut... the following week his goal from the penalty-spot was the winner... and in his third home match he notched a hat-trick, his and the League of Ireland's first of the season.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE sending-off cases in recent seasons have soared... 83, 76, 97 and 100 in that order over the past four campaigns. Will the ton be topped this time?

WATCH OUT for Clive Allen at Queens Park Rangers. He's a 16-year-old apprentice striker and if he turns out as well as his dad everyone at Loftus Road will be delighted.

Clive's father is Les Allen, the former Spurs' inside-forward who later managed Rangers.



THERE'S GOALS in them thar hills for the sharp-shooters of Bournemouth this season. The men of the Fourth Division club have been promised a holiday among the Californian Indians if they hit the target often enough this season.

The offer comes from a Bournemouth travel agent who took the opportunity to look in at Dean Court to give John Benson's boys a little target practice.

ANGRY ANDERSON

DONCASTER Rovers' manager Stan Anderson is as pleased as the next Yorkshireman with the way Geoff Boycott knocked the Australians for six this summer.

But he's still delighted the cricket season is over. The fact is the ex-Middlesbrough boss thought Rovers were given a raw deal by Worcestershire, who included his left-back, Ted Hemsley, in their County Championship cricket match against Nottinghamshire even though he was not fully fit.

Anderson commented: "I'm a little annoyed with Worcestershire for playing an injured player."

"We agreed he would not play cricket when he was not playing football."

Hemsley, a close-season free-transfer signing from Sheffield United for whom he gave sterling service during his years at Bramall Lane, had a runner when batting and fielded in the slips so he did not have to do much chasing about.

The 34-year-old veteran cricketer-cum-footballer is almost a rarity these days when so few professionals, because of overlapping seasons, can practice both sports.

Ex-Manchester United second-teamer Arnie Sidebottom, who plays for Yorkshire and Huddersfield Town, John Cumbers, Worcestershire and West Bromwich Albion star, and young Lincoln full-back Phil Neale who also plays for Warwickshire, are the only three who spring to mind as other current double performers.

INTERNATIONAL TEAM-MATES PLAY FOR BROOKING

WEST HAM and England midfield star Trevor Brooking has arranged his testimonial for Monday October 31st at Upton Park.

As his old club boss Ron Greenwood is now in charge of England, the choice of opponents was easy... an England international XI.

Not only will such a game be a star attraction for East Londoners, who've always turned up in large numbers to honour long-serving Hammers, but it'll give Ron Greenwood an excellent opportunity of giving some of his squad a run-out in a competitive match before the vital World Cup tie against Italy in November.



THERE WAS a pleasant surprise in store for former Manchester United and England player Stan Pearson when he was out delivering papers the other week.

A car pulled up — and out jumped United's manager Dave Sexton.

"We recognised each other immediately," said Stan, who runs a sub-post office in Prestbury, Cheshire.

Dave was house-hunting at the time, and the pair were able to have a natter about old times. Stan never misses a game at Old Trafford even now.

Hagan for Firhill?

PARTICK Thistle are keen on Larne central defender Jim Hagan, the former Northern Ireland Youth cap who almost moved to Manchester United two years ago.

Firhill manager Bertie Auld recently sent his chief-scout John Colrain, the former Glentoran boss, over to Northern Ireland to assess the 20-year-old Hagan, who has looked set for a cross-Channel move for some time.

STEVE SMITH, 31-year-old midfield player, was with Huddersfield when they were promoted to the First Division in 1970, then played through the four seasons which ended in relegation to the Fourth.

Now, the former Leeds Road skipper is planning a promotion push with nearby Halifax Town, re-elected to the Fourth Division last term after being relegated the previous season.

Steve, after trials with Sheffield Wednesday and talks with Bury, was invited to re-sign by Huddersfield. But Halifax offered better terms and the chance to run his recently-taken pub in the Huddersfield district.

NORWICH's newest apprentice Justin Fashanu should add plenty of punch to The Canaries' attack.

The young striker was thinking of making a career of boxing until Norwich persuaded him that he had more talent in his feet than in his fists.

Fashanu twice reached the Finals of the Schools' ABA Finals in the Heavyweight division.

The Carrow Road club are delighted he's chosen soccer instead of boxing — just as long as he doesn't get the wrong idea when they start talking about a right cross.

BIG GEORGE Donaldson, who had spells with Rangers, Hearts and Dunfermline before joining up with Dunedin City, is on his way home from New Zealand with the "Player of the Year" title.

George helped Dunedin lift themselves from the foot of the League to a respectable middle spot place and scored several goals in doing so. At least two clubs are interested in his return and it looks as if he'll be back on the Scottish soccer scene quite soon.

THERE ARE five clubs in the Football League beginning with the letter "P" and all are operating in the Third Division this season... Peterborough, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Port Vale and Preston.



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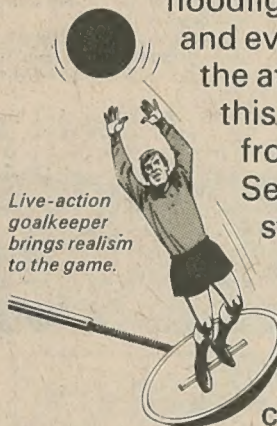
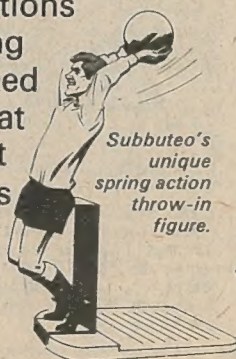
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European Cup

REAL MADRID BEATEN — AT LAST

The most incredible story of the European Cup is not some momentary shock or seven-day wonder but a gradual build up of one of the greatest success stories in the game's history — Real Madrid winning the trophy for the first five years of the competition. Reims (twice), Fiorentina, A.C. Milan and Eintracht Frankfurt fell to the superior talents of this formidable combination in those first five Finals and only the problem of ageing players beat them in the end when they came up against younger teams.

The first big shock of the European Cup came in 1960-61 when Real Madrid were beaten for the first time, losing to their arch rivals Barcelona with a 2-2 draw at home and a 2-1 defeat in Barcelona. Fittingly enough for such a memorable occasion the coup de grâce was a sensational goal scored by Barcelona's Brazilian international, Macedo Evaristo.

Of the 24 players Real used in those five winning Cup Finals three played in all five — the inimitable Alfredo di Stefano, the hard-working Manuel Zarraga, and the speedy Francisco Gento.

CHELSEA ORDERED OUT

With the eagerness shown by most Britons to show our footballing talents in European competition today, it seems incredible that one of the earliest shocks of the European Cup was the Football League's instruction to Chelsea to withdraw from the initial competition in 1955-56.

Apparently the League feared congestion of

fixtures if one of their clubs became involved in such a new fangled competition. The Scottish League was fortunately not so insular and it opened everyone's eyes when Hibernian went through to the first Semi-Finals, and, what was more significant, made £25,000 profit out of the venture.

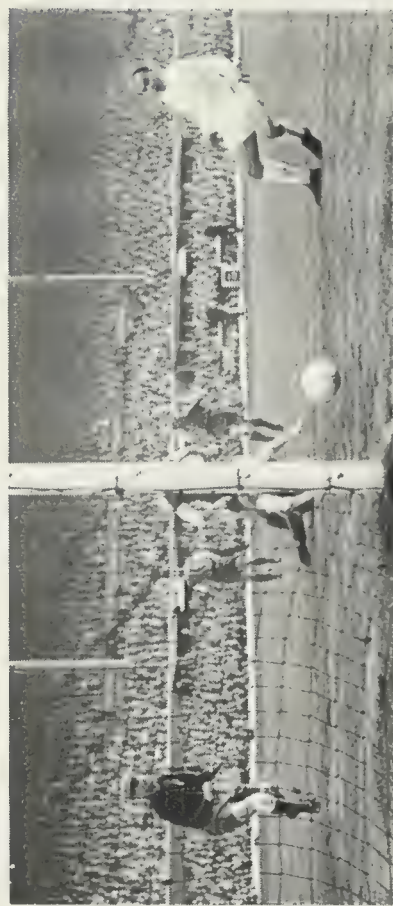
ANDERLECHT ANNIHILATED

One of the earliest European Cup sensations for English supporters came about through the enterprise of Manchester United and in particular their manager Matt Busby, who went ahead against the wishes of the League in the second season of the competition. In the first European Cup-tie seen on English soil (it was at Maine Road and not Old Trafford because the Old Trafford floodlights were not completed) United annihilated Belgian Champions Anderlecht 10-0 before a crowd of 43,635 on September 26th, 1956.

It was one of the most professional execution jobs ever seen from a British team against first-class Continental opposition. On this exhilarating occasion Dennis Viollett (4), Tommy Taylor (3), Bill Whelan (2), and John Berry were the scorers. The team: Wood; Foulkes, Byrne; Colman, Jones, Edwards; Berry, Whelan, Taylor, Viollett and Pegg.



BELOW... di Stéfano scores for Real against Eintracht Frankfurt — the Argentinian star played in five winning Finals, with winger Gento (right).



Scottish Cup



Clyde versus Celtic... Scottish Cup Final, April, 1955. Clyde won after a replay.

TEAM REFUSED TO TURN OUT

Rangers have been involved in many Cup sensations in their long and distinguished history, but none more startling than in 1879 when they simply refused to turn up when ordered to replay the Scottish Cup Final with Vale of Leven. Rangers were protesting about a disputed goal in their first meeting which they claimed was good enough for them to have won the Cup.

But the referee and umpires had declared Billy Dunlop had been offside when Willie Struthers had scored his second "goal", and later Vale of Leven were able to equalise. The Glasgow club appealed to the Scottish F.A. but when they ordered the replay Rangers stayed at home and the Cup was awarded to Vale of Leven.

RECORD OVER RANGERS

Rangers enjoyed a tremendous run in the Scottish Cup in 1877-78, when in the first three rounds their results read — beat Possilpark 13-0, beat Alexandra Athletic 8-0, and beat Uddingston 13-0. In the next round, however, the more powerful Vale of Leven held them to a goalless draw on the Rangers' home ground and then beat them 5-0 in the replay at Alexandria. It is interesting to note that in nine Cup-ties, Rangers never once got the better of the old Vale of Leven club.

'FLUKE' EQUALISER

Clyde created quite a stir in 1954-55 when they beat top-of-the-table Aberdeen 1-0 in a replayed Semi-Final after a 2-2 draw and then went on to beat Celtic, the League runners-up that season, 1-0 in the Final after a 1-1 draw. It's certainly no fluke when a side can hold two of the strongest teams in the League to drawn games and then beat them in replays.

No one who saw Clyde's uphill struggle in the Final with Celtic will ever forget Robertson's late equaliser scored direct from a corner-kick which the swirling wind turned into the net. In the replay, however, Clyde needed no fluke goal to stay in the game for one by Ring was enough to bring the trophy home to Shawfield Stadium.

SORROW FOR VALE

In 1884 Vale of Leven had the tables turned on them, for this time it was their opponents in the Final, Queen's Park, who were awarded the trophy after the Vale had refused to turn up on the appointed day. Vale of Leven had appealed for a postponement because of injury and illness but this was refused.

Many believed a compromise could have been reached if the two clubs had got together to discuss the matter. As it was, the Queen's Park team, referee and two umpires presented themselves at Cathkin Park for the Final on February 23rd. But without Vale no game was possible and a committee of the Scottish F.A. awarded the trophy to Queen's Park.

'SENT-OFF'— BY HIS MANAGER

KENNY BURNS
(Forest)

I CAN'T be often a manager has "sent-off" one of his own men for an incident overlooked by the ref — but such a manager was Birmingham's Willie Bell, when his team played at O.P.R. on Friday, 1976.

Striker Kenny Burns, who was fined by his present boss Brian Clough for an incident at Arsenal this season, had already been booked early on for a crude foul on John Breck when, in an off-the-ball spout-of-bother just before the interval, he appeared to take a free-kick at John Hollins while the Rangers' man lay on the ground. Once booked, there could be only one subsequent verdict — but both referee Ray Tinkler and his linesmen missed the incident.

Not so, though, manager Bell, who refused to let Burns out for the second-half, explaining after: "I cannot tolerate that sort of thing. I insist on my men playing the game as it should be played."

But virtue, alas, had no immediate reward. Having made a voluntary substitution, unlucky Birmingham soon lost another player injured — and, despite a gallant fight, the ten-men went down 2-1.



ALUN EVANS
(Walsall)



FIRST SIX-FIGURE TEENAGER

EIGHTEEN-year-old Alun Evans made the big headlines on 16th September, 1968, when, after only a handful of senior games for Wolves, a £100,000 Liverpool cheque made him the first six-figure teenager in British football.

Capped at Schools and Youth levels, young Alun was hailed as the answer to England's attacking problems of the future — and he started off on the right note with four Under-

23 games in his first Liverpool season. But there were no more for the one-time "boy-wonder", and no hint at all of the expected crop of full caps.

Evans was allowed to move on to Aston Villa and then, on 18th December, 1975, to Third Division Walsall.

This last move to Fellows Park merited none of the big headlines of his first. The fee a mere £3,000.



WILLIE MORGAN
(Bolton)

BUST-UP WITH 'THE DOC'

CONTROVERSY and Tommy Docherty almost inevitably go hand-in-hand, and just one episode — the aftermath still rumbling on despite both men now having left Old Trafford — concerned the axing of fellow Scot Willie Morgan as skipper.

Matters seemed to come to a head when Morgan was left out of Manchester United's F.A. Cup side in January, 1975 — which, ironically, ended in a shock defeat by Third

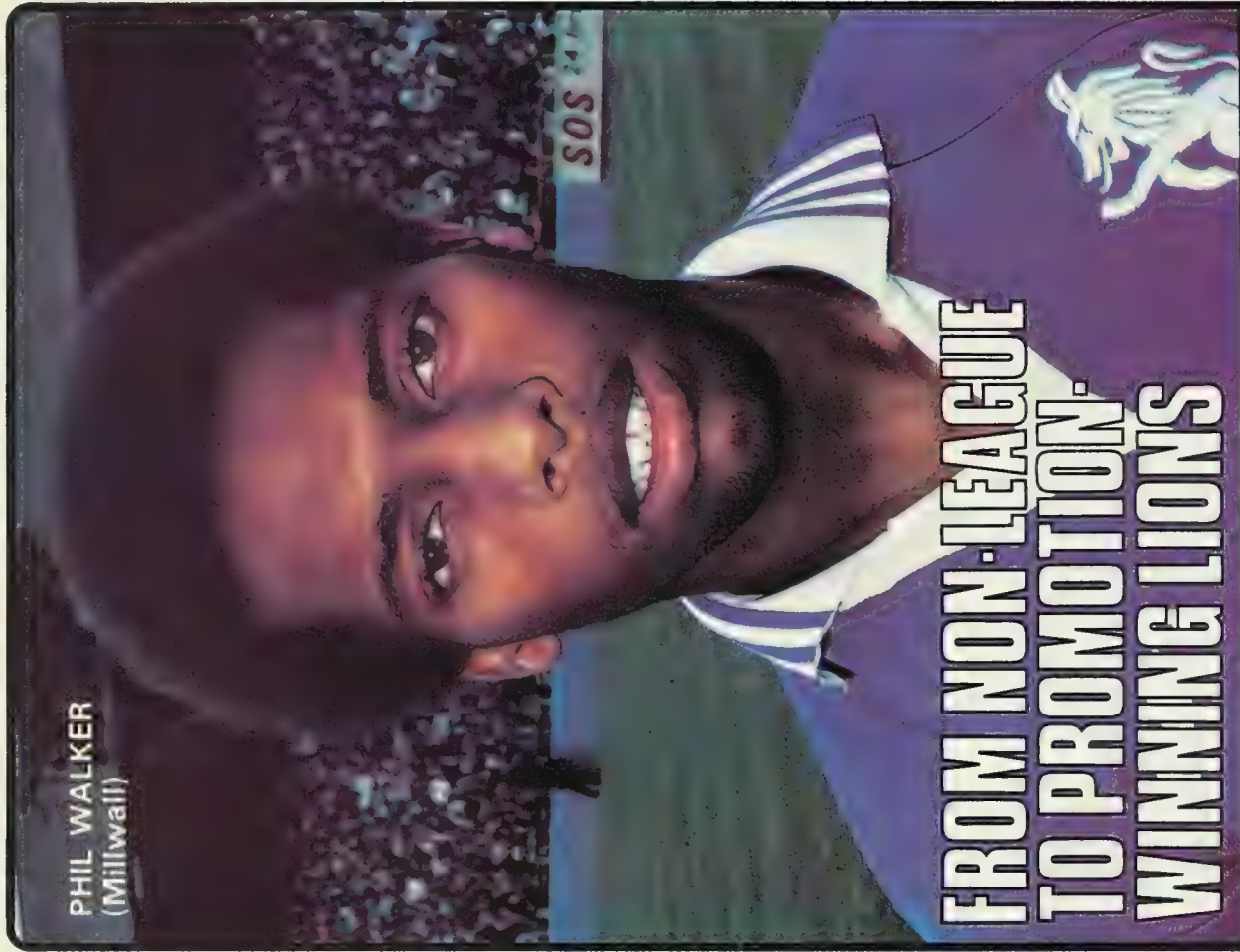
Division Walsall — and relieved of the captaincy.

Morgan had taken over the job from the retiring Bobby Charlton.

Although he got back his first team place for several more games, his name was linked with various clubs before moving to Burnley.

He's since moved again, on to Bolton, but repercussions of the old blow-up still linger on.

PHIL WALKER
(Millwall)



FROM NON-LEAGUE TO PROMOTION- WINNING LIONS

MILLWALL needed new talent to boost their bid to win promotion back to the Second Division. Manager Gordon Jago wanted to ensure 1975/76 saw a speedy return for The Lions.

The South Londoners won promotion and two "unknowns" played starring roles in their success . . . and were snapped up from non-League Epsom and Ewell.

They were Trevor Lee and Phil Walker, both black and very talented.

Walker remembers: "It was a bit strange at first, but when I realised soccer was now my job, my attitude changed."

"Perhaps I lost a little enjoyment because I couldn't be fancy or take risks. I'd always wanted to be a professional, though, and I'm grateful Mr. Jago gave me the chance."

Scottish Cup

FINAL ABANDONED

There was a sensational riot at Hampden Park in April, 1909, on the occasion of a replayed Scottish Cup Final between Celtic and Rangers. The first game had resulted in each side scoring twice and during the week before the replay the impression got around the second match would be played to a finish. Such, however, was not the case for at that time the Scottish Cup rules only called for extra-time in the case of a second replay.

Nevertheless when the replay again ended all square (1-1) and some of the players seemed hesitant about leaving the field, many were convinced extra-time was about to be played. When, however, the crowd realised play was over for the day an unruly mob invaded the field and tore down everything they could lay their hands on. Indeed, a fire was begun and pay-boxes burnt. When attempts were made to quell the flames hoses were cut and the police kicked and stoned.

Because of this unprecedented behaviour the two clubs issued a joint statement agreeing to abandon the Final. The F.A., therefore, had no alternative but to agree to this and the Cup and medals for 1908 were withheld.

ROVERS' AMAZING REPLAY

One of the greatest sensations of the Scottish Cup took place in season 1919-20. In fact it was three sensations in one and Albion Rovers was the club at the focal point. First of all it was quite a shock when Albion Rovers, bottom of the First Division, reached the Semi-Finals. When they were drawn to meet Rangers that seemed like the end for them, for the Gers were not only top of the table but enjoying one of their most successful campaigns having been beaten only once so far that season, and that by a penalty goal by Motherwell.

Imagine the shock when Rangers were held to a 1-1 draw at Celtic Park, even though Albion scored with a penalty. Just a fluke? No, the second game ended in a 0-0 draw. But that was nothing to the earth-shattering result of the second replay — Albion Rovers 2, Rangers 0. In the final that year little Albion Rovers lost 3-2 to Kilmarnock, one of the small number of Scottish Cup Finals not involving a Glasgow club.

Below: Fire at the end of the 1909 Scottish Cup Final.



World Cup

REVENGE FOR THE GERMANS

The manner in which England were dethroned as World Champions when they defended their title in Mexico in 1970 was remarkable because of the similarities between that occasion and the day they had gained that honour four years earlier.

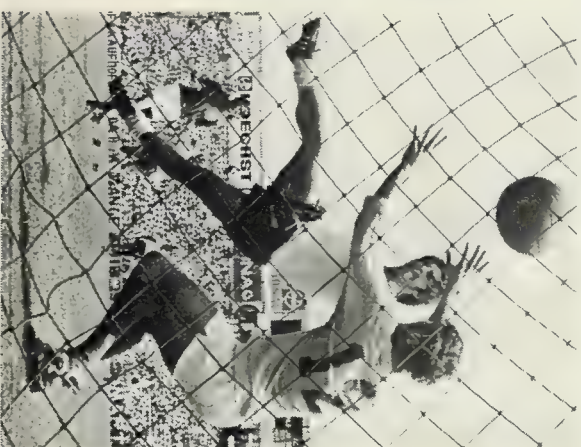
In 1970 the match that ended their reign was against the same opponents, West Germany, and, indeed, there were five players in each side who had faced each other in the 1966 Final. Again the two sides were drawing 2-2 after 90 minutes, but England had been knocked sideways by the manner in which they had allowed a two-goal lead to slip away, and this time with West Germany in the ascendancy in extra-time the end was different for they got their winner through the tournament's top scorer, Gerd Müller, and so avenged that 1966 defeat.

ANOTHER DISASTER

October 17th, 1973, was another black day in the history of English international football for it was the day that England were eliminated from the World Cup Qualifying competition by Poland. Having already lost 2-0 to the Poles in Katowice, England had to win at Wembley in order to qualify for the Final tournament in West Germany in 1974, and despite the Poles' earlier victory there were not many outside the few so-called experts who believed that England could do anything other than win at Wembley.

England manager Sir Alf Ramsey bore the brunt of the criticism, but the players on the field had enough chances to have won comfortably even allowing for the fact that Tomaszewski in the Polish goal played the game of his career. There was no score at half-time, but even when Domarski shot Poland into the lead ten minutes after the interval, most of the home supporters felt that the tremendous territorial advantage England were enjoying, goals would be sure to follow. As it was England got only one, and that with a penalty converted by Allan Clarke. For the remainder of the game the Polish defence remained cool and well-organised. The British public had generally been misled for these Poles really could play football!

Two pictures England fans will never forget ... above, Gerd Müller ends their 1970 World Cup hopes, while right, Poland keeper Jan Tomaszewski shows his 1973 Wembley delight.

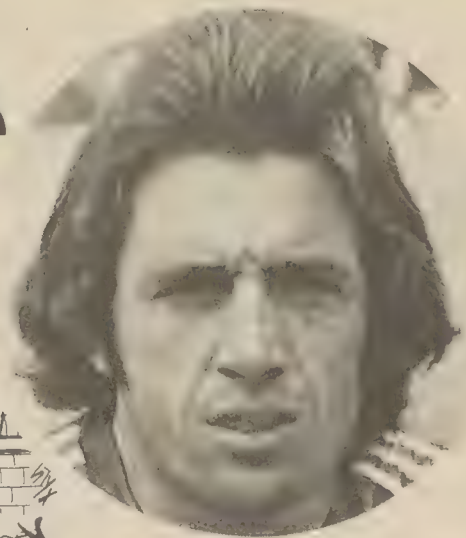


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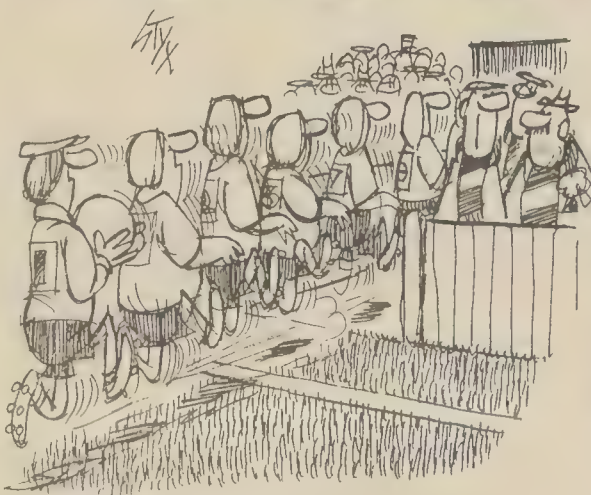
Scotland's performance in the 1974 World Cup caused something of a sensation, particularly when they held Brazil to a goalless draw, thanks largely to a stupendous performance by skipper Billy Bremner, but mainly because they were eliminated without suffering a single defeat. Apart from the draw with Brazil, they beat Zaïre 2-0 and drew 1-1 with Yugoslavia. The Scots went into that game with Yugoslavia knowing they had to win to qualify. The deadlock in a hard-fought game was not broken until the 81st minute when Karasi put Yugoslavia ahead and the brave Scots threw everything into a storming finish, but could do no more than equalise through Jordan two minutes from time.



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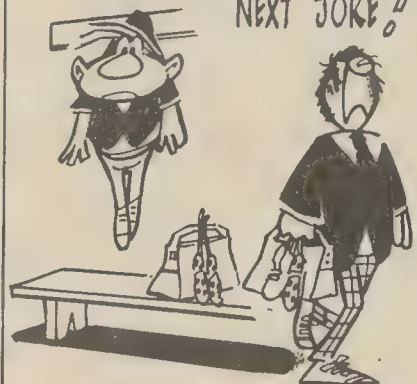
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A PROFITABLE DOUBLE-SIGNING FOR BORO?



Billy Ashcroft

MIDDLESBROUGH, who do not have a reputation as big spenders, were involved in two record buys in August. They paid £90,000 for Welsh international John Mahoney, of Stoke City, then broke through the £100,000 barrier with a £135,000 cheque for Wrexham striker Billy Ashcroft.

The double plunge into the transfer market surprised many people in the game. For Boro were

the only First Division club not previously involved in a six-figure deal.

No wonder manager John Neal praised chairman Charles Amer and his board for "their tremendous financial backing."

In May Neal took over from world-famous Jack Charlton at Ayresome Park. In June he returned from the club's tour of Australia to announce: "I need a midfield player and a striker."

He tempted Stoke to part with 30-cap Mahoney then, finally, his persistence paid off over Ashcroft.

Neal knows more about Ashcroft than anyone else in the game. He groomed him at Wrexham. He defended him against the knockers. He predicted a great future.

The Third Division club fought to hold on to their second top goalscorer last season but eventually a compromise transfer fee of £135,000 was agreed upon.

There was no last-minute hitch. The 6ft. 1in. centre-forward admitted: "Neal stood by me when I hit a bad patch at Wrexham. The fans

wanted me out but he refused to bow down. He said the best was yet to come. Last season I scored 27 League and Cup goals, though we just missed out on promotion.

"Now I want to repay Neal for his faith. To prove myself in the top flight."

Neal is confident the 24-year-old Merseyside-born forward will reach the top. "In my view, strikers don't reach their peak until they are 27 to 28. Willie Maddren was impressed by Ashcroft in our pre-season friendly at Wrexham, and Willie has played against the best."

The 45-year-old Wearsider had no sleepless nights over his £225,000 spending spree. "I served a good apprenticeship in the lower Divisions. You cannot afford to make mistakes in the Third and Fourth Divisions. A £20,000 transfer fee is comparable with a First Division club spending £100,000 or even £200,000."

Mahoney had the unusual experience, for a newcomer, of playing in two North-East derbies in four days. He did well in the 2-0



John Mahoney

win over Newcastle United, then was outstanding in a 2-2 Football League Cup draw with Sunderland.

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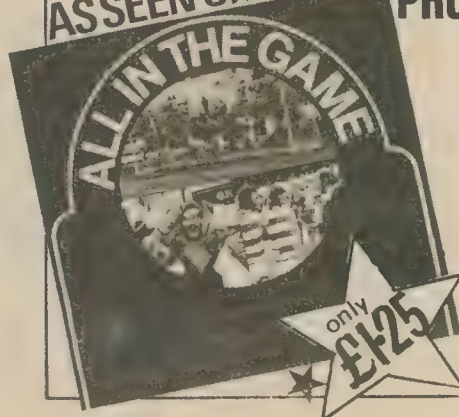


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BUT Don Howe doesn't want to know about past achievements. "It's nice to be back but I'm not going to start comparing Arsenal 1977 with the Double-winning side. The name of Arsenal is great, it's a traditional name that means an awful lot to everyone in English football.

"It's a good thing for the game in this country when a big club like Arsenal does well — but there are 21 others in the First Division who are determined to succeed. But no club has a divine right to success, you only get what you earn.

"We had a great side when we did the Double and the players were an example to everyone and that's what myself and the boss Terry Neill will be aiming for this time.

"What I have got to do is get the best out of the players who're at the club at this moment. The first thing I have to make sure is I put the players on the pitch in the best of condition — in fact I'll make this promise to the Arsenal supporters . . .

"The 11 players who go on the pitch go out in the best possible condition — I make sure of that. We're also going to work hard on the other side of the game — I mean the entertainment and our tactics — that'll take time but I'm sure we'll get that right as well."

Don Howe still sees himself as a Midlander — he lives in Wolverhampton but plans to move to the London area next year. He joined Arsenal as a player in 1964 — played for about three years before a leg injury ended his active career.

From reserve-team coach he became assistant-manager to Bertie Mee — then came the Double and Howe's departure to manage West Bromwich Albion.

After losing his job at The Hawthorns two years ago, Howe joined his old-friend Jimmy Armfield as chief-coach at Leeds.

"I was sorry to leave Jimmy and everyone at Elland Road but the Arsenal offer was just too good to refuse. I'm still ambitious, I want to get to the top and I would like to think at some time in the future I will be the manager of the Champions of the English First Division.

"The Arsenal squad are good trainers — and I'm very pleased with the start we made this season.

"I might have surprised one or two of them as well — take Pat Jennings. Believe it or not, he'd never done any goalkeeping exercises in training. Well, I'm used to working goalkeepers — doing agility work and a lot of handling. All Pat has done really is been a shot-stopper in training — but I'm sure he's enjoying this different outlook on his job.

"My aim, as with every player, is to make him even better. I know Pat's world class but

ARSENAL HAVE 'KNOW-HOWE' AGAIN

THE RETURN of Don Howe to work with Terry Neill at Arsenal has convinced Gunners' fans and players that the glory days are just around the corner again — there's talk of Championships and Cups prompted by the success that Howe achieved while coaching the Double-winning side in 1971.



perhaps his best years are still in front of him. In English football we're guilty of writing players off too early.

"We put question marks against his name when he approaches 30 — that's very wrong. They don't do it on the Continent. They use them as long as they are good enough and that's what we must do."

It was a difficult close-season for Arsenal — Howe's arrival following an unfortunate tour of Australia which culminated in the sending-home of Alan Hudson and Malcolm Macdonald. Hudson says Don Howe is the best coach he has ever worked under — simply he wants to play for him. And Arsenal manager Terry Neill remains typically unruffled by the problems.

"I certainly haven't changed at all," says Terry. "In fact since I came back down to London three years ago I've been in similar situations.

"I was just beginning to sort things out at Tottenham when I left and started at Highbury just over a year ago. There's been nothing that surprised me, but I don't regret one thing that happened during the summer. In the end there was no way it could be avoided.

"I have no conscience whatsoever about it, whatever I have done during the year I've been here has been for the good of Arsenal Football Club — because it's a great club, and will be great long after we've all gone.

"At the same time, everything has got to be balanced — don't forget the spectators are up a few-hundred thousand and they have made it very clear they have enjoyed themselves.

"I have a tremendous feeling for this club having spent the vast majority of my working life with them and I just want everyone around me to feel exactly the same way."

Terry Neill feels the arrival of Don Howe has improved the preparation of his team and helped him out in areas of the job which he admits he fell down on last season.

"We were a little thin in terms of overall numbers for our first team squad but there are a lot of good people here now and I'm delighted to have Don back. It was humanly impossible for me to be in four or five places at once and in all honesty I couldn't do everything I wanted to."

At last Arsenal seem to be running on the right lines. The combination of Terry Neill and Don Howe could bring The Gunners back in the race for honours for the first time since the great 1970-71 Double-winning season.

Arsenal coach Don Howe (left). The Gunners return triumphant with the 1970-71 League Championship and F.A. Cup trophies.



BERTI VOGTS



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'Should FOREIGN STARS

'OUR GAME WOULD BECOME MORE EXCITING'

FRANK LAMPARD
(West Ham)



I THINK our game would benefit if foreigners did come in — that's my answer on the face of it. But there would have to be several rules and regulations governing the introduction of Continental stars.

It wouldn't be a bad thing for our game because they have a different type of flair and ability. And that extra flair would mean our game would become more exciting. Our football is going through a funny stage at the moment and I'm not sure it's a very good phase.

There isn't much individual flair coming out on the field from our players whereas if foreign players came over here, that would all change. Continental footballers definitely have more skill and are more subtle. The recent England-Switzerland international was a

good example. Skill wise, I thought the Swiss were ahead of us and we have to try and catch up.

To avoid all the top clubs snapping up the very best foreign players, I think you'd have to say no club could sign on more than perhaps one or two overseas stars. They've got a similar system in cricket and I think football could do well to follow that particular idea.

But although I believe this idea has basically got to come in this country, I just wonder if it will ever really take off with our current tax situation. Are foreign stars going to come over here to earn less money, just for the experience of playing in English soccer? I rather doubt it.

The weather is another factor that would be taken into account. Our football is a little more tougher and some foreigners might not want to come over here just to find that.

Tax is the real stumbling block, though, as I see it. Our players are going abroad now to escape crippling taxes so I just can't see the idea taking off until our laws are changed.

Sure, I'd like to see foreigners come into our football — it would broaden our horizons and create a lot of new interest. I think it's a case of anything to make the game better. If this would do so, I'm all in favour of it.

England is in danger . . . of losing its most talented players to soccer's Common Market. More and more of our leading stars are keen on following Martin Chivers, Roger Davies and Kevin Keegan to start new careers on the Continent. But what if Johan Cruyff joined Arsenal, or Robbie Rensenbrink (Man. United), Franco Causio (Liverpool), Dominique Rocheteau (Man. City) or Bert Vogts (Everton)? There's no doubt our fans would welcome such moves. To find out the views of our players we asked four from the First Division to answer the leading question . . .

'WE'D BENEFIT FROM THEIR SUPERIOR SKILLS'

I CAN'T see any reason why our football wouldn't benefit from having foreign players introduced. But I must admit I tend to think our game would learn much more if foreign COACHES came over here. They would bring a new approach, new thoughts and that is what we really want.

I suppose movement should be just as easy, though, for footballers now we're in the Common Market as it is for other business people. I think foreign players would probably offer us plenty. They always say English football loses out in comparison with foreign sides on skill. I'm quite sure if foreign players played in our League, we'd learn from them.

But there would certainly be problems. I can't think of any European country where a team plays as many matches as our top sides

JOHN RICHARDS
(Wolves)

do. Foreign players would find it very hard to cope with the 60 or 70 games Liverpool play in a season. But I suppose they would adapt eventually.

I know some people might say Cruyff and players like him couldn't stand up to the physical side of our game: that they'd lose their skill over here. But I don't believe in that. I reckon once you've got the skill, you don't lose it no matter what the conditions. They might have difficulty adjusting but it wouldn't be too much of a problem.

Foreign players have so much better basic skills like passing, ball control, etc. That, I'm sure, would rub off on our players and help our



footballers to improve.

But although I think they SHOULD be allowed in, I honestly don't think many of them would come here. English clubs would really only go for the top men — the Cruyffs, Neeskens, Platinis and

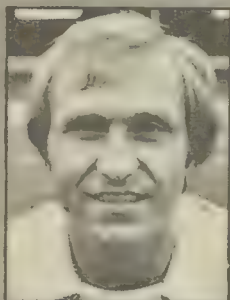
Rocheteaus — and our clubs could not afford to pay those stars comparable wages.

The whole thing may well happen in some form or another in the near future. But I can't see it going off like a house on fire. It will be a gradual thing — you'll get the odd one or two players coming over, but there won't be that many. Even in countries where foreign stars are already allowed in, you only get a few teams taking them on. And even then, there are only one or two in each team.

We'll get a few players but they're not likely to be top, world class stars. I can't ever see a player like Cruyff coming over here. There are too many things against it. But the opportunity should be there if he did want to — yes, we should open the doors to them IF they want to come.

'FEW CONTINENTALS WOULD LAST A FULL SEASON'

DENNIS TUEART
(Man. City)



DON'T really think introducing foreign stars would be a good thing for English football. Players coming into this country would have a lot of adjusting to do — they play less than we do and that would take some time to adapt to, in the first case.

Foreign players don't have lives anywhere near as hard, physically, as players do in this country. That would take them some time to adapt to. They'd find it a great strain.

One point that might be of benefit to our players if foreigners were allowed in, is our lads would have more chances of going to Europe where they're appreciated for their strength and durability. Here, the players don't get the credit they deserve for maintaining

such a high standard throughout such a long and hard season. Foreigners wouldn't stand for it.

I don't know whether our game would alter that much because I reckon basic tactics of play are changing at the moment over here. But the main problem remains — the length of the season. This is to the detriment of our football and it's a pity we cannot knock ten games off our season. People get stale and it's too long.

Would all the top clubs get the best players? I think they probably would to start with anyway. But I don't believe it would alter the strengths of the top clubs very much.

British clubs need a certain type of player and only a small number of foreign players, if they played in our football, would last the pace of a full season. So the British sides would rely and eventually fall-back on their own players who were used to the special kind of football we play in this country.

But the last thing — and probably most important — is about money. Financially, foreigners just wouldn't get the rewards over here they get on the Continent. How can they with our tax system as it is? That's why there won't be an exodus from Europe to our footballing shores — it just can't happen while our tax laws are as they stand. That's really the be-all and end-all of the whole matter.

FRANCO CAUSIO

ROBBIE
RENSENBRINK

JOHAN CRUYFF

be allowed into ENGLISH FOOTBALL?'

'THEY'D LIKE TO COME — BUT NOT FOR LESS MONEY AND HIGHER TAXES'

IT would be nice to see foreign stars over here and they should certainly be allowed in. But the problem is the obvious one — would they come with our tax laws as they are?

I know from my time in Anderlecht there are plenty of top class foreign players who would like to come and play in England. Our football system is very highly thought of on the Continent and their players would like to test their abilities here in our football.

When I was in Belgium, the top players couldn't believe sides like Cardiff and Wrexham — whom they had seen and played against in a European competition — were in our Second or Third Divisions.

But the thing that goes against

DUNCAN MCKENZIE
(Everton)

them coming is they couldn't make the kind of money they can on the Continent. Abroad, players make so much from the game itself — purely and simply, playing football for their particular club — that they don't need to sell themselves off the field by writing magazine articles or opening supermarkets. But they wouldn't get those sums from clubs over here and I reckon their life-style is too comfortable on the Continent for them to want to change.

I can't honestly see them coming just for the love of the game. And that is all it would be bearing the financial situation in mind.

I don't say English football **NEEDS** foreign players but it would give us another dimension, add a certain amount of style to our game especially to start with. Obviously, there would be extra interest if players like Cruyff and Rensenbrink and others started playing here. That would be good for our game. They would teach us a lot about the game, too. But those players might have problems adjusting.

Foreign stars rely basically on skill but that alone isn't enough in English football. You've got to have the stamina and the fight but they wouldn't be used to that at all.

Maybe if a club signed up two or three players from one club or



country, that might work for the English side because you'd have a small unit and they would settle better. But one here, one there — I'm not so sure about that.

I reckon foreign football is a joy to watch: they knock it around and think nothing of stringing together ten or so passes in one move. But that isn't the English game and something would have to change. A few Scandinavians might come over but that's about it. Hardly any from other countries because they've got it made where they are.

'WHEN RON SAUNDERS MADE ME CHANGE MY BOOTS!'

MY BUILD-UP for a Saturday game starts on the Friday morning before the match. I suppose subconsciously I'm thinking about the opposition from around Wednesday, although we at Villa don't really get round to planning for the game until the day before.

Our manager, Ron Saunders, does not give us dossiers or notes about our opponents. His attitude is if we play as we can, then the other side should worry about us.

Our Friday training session is geared towards match-day, mainly set-piece situations. The boss will have weighed up our opponents and we'll work on their weaknesses.

For instance, the 'keeper may be suspect for near-post centres, so we'll work on this in training.

Villa are lucky we have very few problems with travelling. Set in the centre of England we are in fairly easy reach of all the First Division clubs except three or four. These are our only overnight-stop trips; the rest of the time we travel in our luxury coach on the Saturday morning.

This enables us to have a "normal" Friday, which is a big help in preparing for the match. It means our routine is, by and large, the same every week and football folk will tell you such patterns are an assistance.

After training on Friday I do very little. Perhaps a few errands . . . then it's home to take it easy.

Home for me recently has been the house of our Scottish full-back Gordon Smith. I'm in the process of moving and having sold my house, I needed somewhere to stay until my new one is ready. So, for a while, Gordon is my "landlord".

I don't have any particular meal on Friday evening. Many players like a steak, which gives energy the following day. This doesn't worry me too much — at 21 I should have enough natural energy!

Also, I suppose, being single I tend to eat what I'm given — within reason!

After dinner I put my feet up and watch television. I go to bed fairly late. I have no trouble sleeping, though.

I wake at about nine-thirty to ten o'clock and lie in bed until around 11, reading the papers. I like to catch up on the day's news . . . seeing who's playing and who's injured . . . who's been dropped and who wants a transfer.

I have a combined breakfast/lunch at mid-day — always the same for a home game or when I have to cook for myself: boiled eggs. This isn't a

superstition, it's . . . well, I'm a single guy and I can't be bothered to be too fancy. When we travel I prefer chicken.

I finish my meal at 12.30, just in time for the football programmes on television. As a striker I find these shows very useful. They tend to concentrate on showing goals, goals and more goals and this puts me in the right frame of mind for the match.

I leave the house at half-past-one to

arrive at Villa Park not later than two — a club rule.

Some clubs like to have their players together for a pre-match meal. I think there's something to be said for both systems.

With Dundee United, I liked our get-togethers . . . we talked about the game and started to build-up for three o'clock.

I suppose those players with families might prefer to stay at home

LEFT
"Match day . . . and my preparation really gets under way 24 hours before the kick-off."

BELOW
"Manager Ron Saunders gave me some advice — and I scored a hat-trick!"



**ANDY
GRAY**
writes for you

"A quick phone call during my Saturday morning lie-in."



a couple of extra hours, but if I had the choice I'd rather go to an hotel ... and have my chicken!

Upon arriving at Villa Park, I spend five or ten minutes signing autographs and then go into the club to sort out my tickets. At the moment my brother and a friend from Glasgow are down, but even they know I have a 2.20 deadline. After that, I concentrate totally on the game and everything comes second — which is last.

In the dressing-room, I read the programme — ours must be the best in the League — and at 2.30 on the dot I start changing. By then, most of the other lads are already half in their gear, but Alex Cropley and I prefer a "late start".

Ron Saunders is busy having a quiet word with each player individually and I can now sense the atmosphere changing. I tend to chat a lot as I think a silent dressing-room is a tense one ... and this is the wrong frame of mind for a match.

When the referee comes in to check our studs, I take off my ring, a superstition I've had for a year or so.

Villa are usually the first team out, not necessarily by design ... it simply happens that way most of the time.

We make for the Holte Street end where our most fervent fans congregate. I always run over to the left-hand side. Don't ask me why, it's just

one of those habits I've picked up.

I wave to the crowd when they chant my name, to acknowledge the huge part they play in our success. I'm usually fairly warm by the time I go on to the field — because I change late and don't have to hang around. A few sprints and stretches and I'm ready for the kick-off.

What happens at half-time is governed by the first 45 minutes. Ron Saunders NEVER bellows us out when things are going wrong, he prefers to chat with players individually.

I remember some advice he gave me last season when we played Ipswich at Villa Park. I'd had a "stinker" in the first-half and the boss noticed I had new boots on.

"What are you wearing today, Andy?" he asked ... and I explained the situation.

"Well, why don't you put your !!! old boots on!" he replied.

I did — and scored a hat-trick in the second-half. I'll never forget that incident, you know.

The result of the game affects me a lot. If we've won I feel fine and look forward to a good Saturday night out.

If Villa have lost, I prefer to keep out of the limelight and I'm certainly very poor company under such circumstances. I've been known a few times to cancel any arrangements if Villa have lost and I've had a bad game. Then, I just want to go home and shut the door!

As a teenager I used to take defeat VERY badly, but experience has taught me a professional has simply got to forget about the past. Now, I never look back and come Sunday morning Saturday's game has gone as far as I'm concerned — victory or defeat.

Let's face it. No team can go through a season undefeated, so you must take the rough with the smooth.

This Saturday (October 15th) we face Norwich City at Villa Park while next Wednesday we're back in Euro action against Gornik Zabrze in the U.E.F.A. Cup. I'm glad we have a stiff tie as it's the only way to "grow up" in European competition.

I'd love the chance to play against, say, Johan Cruyff's Barcelona. Maybe in the next round ...

Before I close, a few words about Pele, who retired recently. It is one of my disappointments that I'll never be able to play against him — the Brazil star MUST be the most complete footballer ever. I watched a feature about him on Sportsnight last month and marvelled at his unique skills.

See you in two weeks,

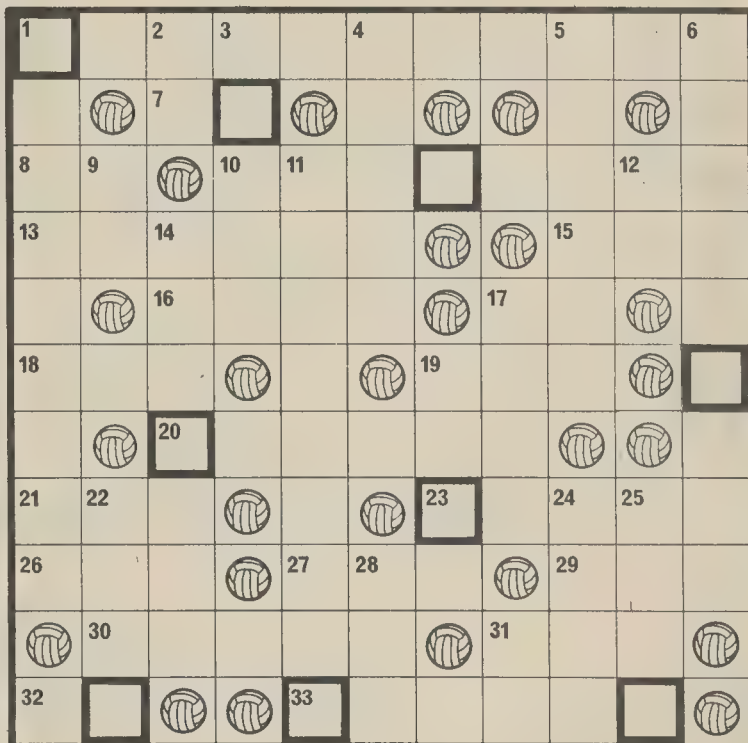


Andy Gray

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Southampton star.

Answers on page 42.



ACROSS:—

- (1) Aston Villa striker.
- (7) Lo - d - n Road Ground, Peterborough United.
- (8) George - r - strong of Leicester City.
- (10) John — , Wolves striker.
- (13) Description of a ball passed to the middle of the field (usually in front of the goal).
- (15) --- tingham Forest.
- (16) Jim P ---- on of Everton.
- (17) -- adow Lane; home of Notts Co.
- (18) --- denbeath play at Central Park.
- (19) John --- ford, West Ham and former Arsenal striker.
- (20) A goal-net is — to the ground.
- (21) The number of goals scored by West Ham (v. Fulham) in the 1974/5 F.A. Cup Final.
- (23) Without a slope — like a good pitch should be.
- (26) Title awarded to Stanley Matthews as the first soccer knight.
- (27) --- or Road. Ground of Colchester United.
- (29) Poem required to complete R - ch - al - .
- (30) Grain stalks made from five letters found in St. Andrews, Birmingham.
- (31) — Show Ground, Scunthorpe United.
- (32) Oak -- ll; home of Barnsley.
- (33) Paul — , Leeds United defender.

DOWN:—

- (1) 'The — —', a Sunderland nickname. (5 & 4).
- (2) S -- cil Bank. Ground of Lincoln City.
- (3) Great arterial trunk and blood route of the human body.
- (4) Form of fasteners used in most soccer boots.
- (5) Moved to another direction.
- (6) — Stadium, home of Bristol Rovers.
- (9) Geoff -- rrick of Bristol City.
- (11) Variable; not according to rule.
- (12) Tommy -- cherty. New manager at Derby County.
- (14) — County, from Somerton Park, Gwent.
- (17) Paul ---- ley of Leeds United.
- (19) Depend on. As all members of a good team can on each other.
- (22) Take four letters from Newcastle United for a word meaning "knowledgeable".
- (24) K -- in -- ck (West Ham). Make the omissions into a rodent.
- (25) Small whirlpool needed to complete --- ie Gra - of Leeds United.
- (28) Dav - -- tson (Manchester City). Reverence from the missing letters reversed.
- (31) Terry C -- roy of Stoke City.



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ONE of the surprise teams so far this season has been Coventry City. A team that sunk so low at the end of last term in the First Division that it took a dramatic last match draw with equally-embattled Bristol City to save the Highfield Road club.

But this season has seen a transformation. Centre-back Jim Holton, signed from Sunderland in March, has steadied the defence. Manager Gordon Milne's only sortie into the transfer market this season saw the arrival of the experienced Ray Graydon (left) from Aston Villa.

Graydon has given the Coventry attack more width, and striker Ian Wallace has benefited to become a top-scorer in the First Division. Now the future has brightened at Coventry and attendances that were down to an average of 21,242 last season now show an increase as City get a taste of the good life in the upper half of the First Division.

COVENTRY CITY



Coventry manager Gordon Milne (left) took over at Highfield Road in June, 1972. Milne had a fine playing career that began with Preston in 1957. Transferred to Liverpool in 1960, he won a Second Division Championship medal in 1961-62 and First Division Championship medals in 1963-64 and 1965-66. Gordon ended his playing career with Blackpool and entered management with non-League Wigan Athletic before joining Coventry.

HOW TO GET TO HIGHFIELD ROAD

Buses from Coventry railway station to town centre (Pool Meadow bus station). Then buses 1, 4, 7, 8, 8A to ground.

IF YOU TRAVEL BY CAR

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NICKNAME: 'Sky Blues'.
COLOURS: Shirts: Sky blue with navy and white trim. Shorts: Sky blue with navy and white trim. Stockings: Sky blue with navy and white trim.

Coventry's Bobby McDonald (below, right) in action during their 3-1 win v. Derby. Defender Jim Holton (right).



THE COVENTRY RECORD SINCE 1960-61

(C — League Champions; P — Promoted; R — Relegated; W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists; Q/F — Quarter-Finalists.)

| SEASON | LEAGUE Division & Placing | F.A. CUP Round Reached | CUP Round Reached |
|---------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1960-61 | 3 — 15th | 3rd | 2nd |
| 1961-62 | 3 — 14th | 2nd | 1st |
| 1962-63 | 3 — 4th | Q/F | 3rd |
| 1963-64 | 3 — 1st (P) | 2nd | 3rd |
| 1964-65 | 2 — 10th | 3rd | Q/F |
| 1965-66 | 2 — 3rd | 5th | 4th |
| 1966-67 | 2 — 1st (P) | 3rd | 3rd |
| 1967-68 | 1 — 20th | 4th | 2nd |
| 1968-69 | 1 — 20th | 4th | 4th |
| 1969-70 | 1 — 6th | 3rd | 2nd |
| 1970-71 | 1 — 10th | 3rd | Q/F |
| 1971-72 | 1 — 18th | 4th | 2nd |
| 1972-73 | 1 — 19th | Q/F | 3rd |
| 1973-74 | 1 — 16th | 5th | Q/F |
| 1974-75 | 1 — 14th | 4th | 2nd |
| 1975-76 | 1 — 14th | 4th | 3rd |
| 1976-77 | 1 — 19th | 4th | 4th |

Coventry's only venture into Europe saw them knocked out of the Fairs Cup in the Second Round in 1970-71.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

| | | |
|---------|----------------|---------|
| 1972-73 | Brian Alderson |13 |
| 1973-74 | Brian Alderson | 9 |
| 1974-75 | David Cross | 7 |
| | Alan Green | 7 |
| 1975-76 | David Cross |14 |
| 1976-77 | Mick Ferguson |13 |

RECORD VICTORY:
9-0 v. Bristol City, Division Three (South), April 28th, 1934.

RECORD DEFEAT:
2-10 v. Norwich City, Division Three (South), March 15th, 1930.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:
60 in Division Four 1958-59 and Division Three, 1963-64.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:
Clarrie Bourton 49 in Division Three (South) 1931-32.

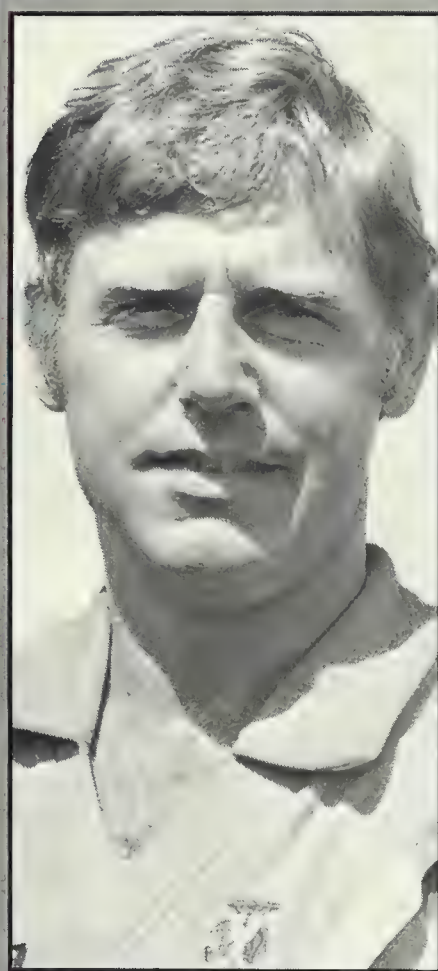


Ian Wallace

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COVENTRY CITY



Manager Gordon Milne (above).

BACK ROW (left to right): Graham Oakey, Les Sealey, Jim Blyth, Mick Ferguson, Ray Graydon.

MIDDLE ROW: Alan Dugdale, Brian Roberts, Mick Coop, John Beck, Ray Gooding, Donal Murphy.

FRONT ROW: Bobby McDonald, Jim Holton, Ian Wallace, Terry Yorath, Tommy Hutchison, Barry Powell.

SHOOT!

COVENTRY CITY PEN-PICTURES

COVENTRY CITY PEN-PICTURES

(L. App: — League Appearances; G: — Goals; S: — Substitutes: All records to end of the 1976-77 season)

JOHN BECK: Enterprising midfield player who can also score valuable goals. Cost £40,000 when signed from Q.P.R. in June, 1976. Born London. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 11.9. L. App: — Q.P.R. 32 and 8 sub, Coventry 40. G: — Q.P.R. 1, Coventry 3.

JIM BLYTH: First choice goalkeeper at Highfield Road and voted 'Player of the Year' by City fans last season despite missing the last 11 games through injury. Signed from Preston for £22,000 in October, 1972. Born Perth. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 13.3. L. App: — Preston 1, Hereford (on loan) 7, Coventry 50.

MICK COOP: Defender who likes to go forward. Signed professional in January, 1966. Born Leamington. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.5½. L. App: — 284 and 11 sub, York (on loan) 4. G: — Coventry 11.

ALAN DUGDALE: Defender who first made his name as a member of England's Youth side that won the 'Little World Cup' in 1972. Signed professional in November, 1969. Born Kirkby. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 12.8. L. App: — 138 and 3 sub.

MICK FERGUSON: Striker and top scorer for Coventry last season. Signed professional in December, 1971. Born Newcastle. Ht. 6.1½. Wt. 12.8. L. App: — 55 and 4 sub. G: — 18.

RAY GOODING: Young midfielder who made his League debut against Newcastle on March 23, 1977. Signed professional in May, 1976. Born Hartlepool. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.4½. L. App: — 5.

RAY GRAYDON: Striker signed from Aston Villa for £40,000 in July, 1977. His goal won the League Cup for Villa in 1975. Born Bristol. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 11.5. L. App: — Bristol Rovers 132 and 2 sub, Aston Villa 189 and 4 sub. G: — Bristol Rovers 33, Aston Villa 67.

ALAN GREEN: Like Alan Dugdale, Green was a member of England's Youth side in 1972 and signed professional in January, 1971. Born Worcester. Ht. 5.5½. Wt. 10.6. L. App: — 82 and 14 sub. G: — 24.

JIM HOLTON: Central defender who cost £80,000 when signed from Sunderland in March, 1977. 15 full caps for Scotland and member of Scotland's team that played in the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany. Born Lesmahagow. Ht. 6.1½. Wt. 13.7. L. App: — Shrewsbury 67, Man. Utd. 63, Sunderland 15, Coventry 8. G: — Shrewsbury 4, Man. Utd. 5.

TOMMY HUTCHISON: Winger or midfielder signed from Blackpool for £145,000 in October, 1972. One Scottish Under-23 international and 17 full caps. Born Cardenden.

Ht. 5.11½. Wt. 11.2. L. App: — Alloa 68, Blackpool 164 and 2 sub, Coventry 186 and 2 sub. G: — Alloa 4, Blackpool 10, Coventry 13.

BOBBY McDONALD: Defender signed from Aston Villa for £40,000 in August, 1976. Member of the Aston Villa team that won the F.A. Youth Cup in 1971-72. Born Aberdeen. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.5½. L. App: — Aston Villa 33 and 6 sub, Coventry 39. G: — Aston Villa 3, Coventry 1.

DONAL MURPHY: Striker who first joined the club as a youth team player, but returned to Ireland to play for Shamrock Rovers for 18 months. Returned to Highfield Road and signed professional in August, 1972. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 12.1. L. App: — 32 and 8 sub. G: — 10.

GRAHAM OAKEY: Defender signed professional in October, 1972. Born Worcester. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 9.10. L. App: — 66 and 1 sub.

BARRY POWELL: Midfielder signed from Wolves for £75,000 in August, 1975. An England Under-23 international. Born Kenilworth. Ht. 5.7½. Wt. 10.0. L. App: — Wolves 58 and 6 sub, Coventry 72 and 2 sub. G: — Wolves 7, Coventry 11.

BRIAN ROBERTS: Can play equally well at full-back or in midfield. Signed professional in May, 1975. Born Manchester. Ht. 5.8½. Wt. 11.3½. L. App: — 14.

IAN WALLACE: Striker in top goalscoring form this season. Cost £80,000 when signed from Dumbarton in August, 1976. A Scottish Under-23 international. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.7½. Wt. 10.9. L. App: — Dumbarton 32 and 2 sub, Coventry 24 and 2 sub. G: — Dumbarton 11, Coventry 9.

TERRY YORATH: Midfielder and skipper of Coventry City and Wales. Started this season with 34 full caps for Wales. Signed from Leeds United for £120,000 in August, 1976. Born Cardiff. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 12.3. L. App: — Leeds 110 and 23 sub, Coventry 38. G: — Leeds 10, Coventry 1.



Jim Blyth



Mick Coop



LEAGUE FIXTURES

| Date | Opponents | Ground |
|---------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1977 | | |
| Aug. 20 | Derby Co. | H |
| 24 | Manchester Utd. | A |
| 27 | Chelsea | A |
| Sept. 3 | Leeds U. | H |
| 10 | Liverpool | A |
| 17 | Middlesbrough | H |
| 24 | Newcastle U. | A |
| Oct. 1 | West Bromwich | H |
| 4 | Manchester C. | H |
| 8 | Birmingham C. | A |
| 15 | Leicester C. | A |
| 22 | Ipswich T. | H |
| 29 | Wolverhampton W. | A |
| Nov. 5 | West Ham | H |
| 12 | Arsenal | A |
| 19 | Q.P.R. | H |
| 26 | Everton | A |
| Dec. 3 | Bristol City | H |
| 10 | Nottingham F. | A |
| 17 | Arsenal | H |
| 26 | Aston Villa | A |
| 27 | Norwich C. | H |
| 31 | Manchester Utd. | H |

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| 1978 | | |
| Jan. 2 | Derby Co. | A |
| 14 | Chelsea | H |
| 21 | Leeds U. | A |
| Feb. 4 | Liverpool | H |
| 11 | Middlesbrough | A |
| 18 | Newcastle U. | H |
| 25 | West Bromwich | A |
| Mar. 4 | Birmingham C. | H |
| 11 | Leicester C. | H |
| 18 | Ipswich Town | A |
| 21 | Aston Villa | H |
| 25 | Norwich C. | A |
| 28 | Wolverhampton W. | H |
| Apr. 1 | West Ham | A |
| 8 | Everton | H |
| 15 | Q.P.R. | A |
| 22 | Nottingham F. | H |
| 25 | Manchester C. | A |
| 29 | Bristol C. | A |

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Alan Green (far left). Mick Ferguson (centre). Tommy Hutchison (above).

YOU ARE THE REF

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1

When kicking the ball a player shows the whole of his studs. Do you (a) take no action, (b) award an indirect free-kick for dangerous play or (c) award a direct free-kick?

2

An attacker realises he is in an offside position as a team-mate advances with the ball. He runs back, placing two defenders between himself and the goal-line, just before the ball is kicked. It strikes him and goes into the goal. Do you award (a) a goal or (b) a free-kick for offside?

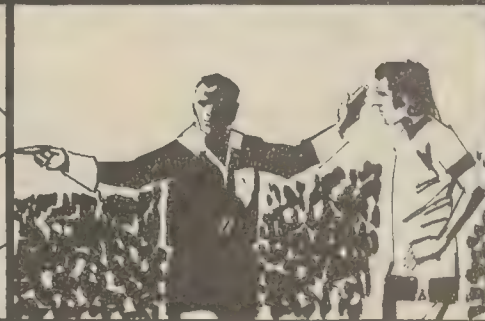
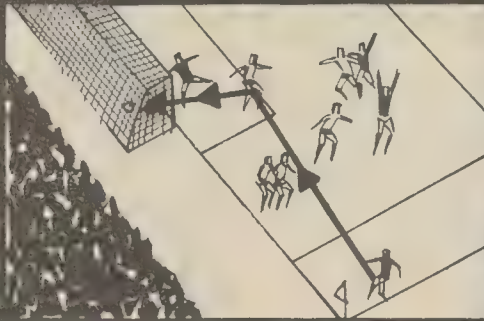
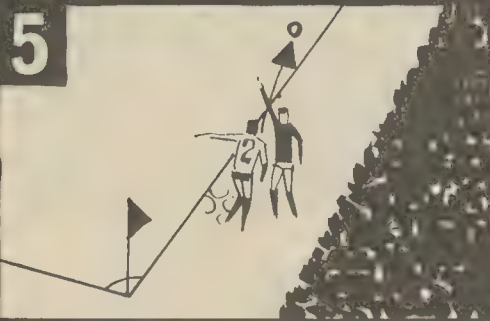
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The ball is placed for a free-kick. As the kicker runs to the ball a gust of wind rolls it towards him. He kicks it into the opponents half. Do you (a) take no action or (b) have the kick retaken?

4

Taking a quick throw-in at the corner-post the thrower has one foot behind the goal-line and one behind the touch-line. Do you (a) take no action, (b) have the throw-in retaken or (c) award a throw-in to the opponents?

5



A: As an attacker is running towards the touch-line to take a throw-in a defender kicks the ball out of the stadium. You caution the defender and award an indirect free-kick.

B: From the indirect free-kick the ball goes into the goal-area and is deflected by a defender into the goal before a second attacker touches it. You award a goal.

C: The defender who kicked the ball away in A then shows dissent by protesting against your goal decision. You dismiss him. (Where is the problem?)

ANSWERS:

1. It is not an offence to show the sole and studs of the boot when kicking the ball. Take no action (a). 2. Award a goal (a). The attacker was not offside when the ball was kicked by his team-mate. 3. The ball must be stationary at a free-kick. The kick should be retaken (b). 4. The throw-in must be taken from the touch-line. Both feet must be on or outside the touch-line. 5. The problem is in A. The defender is correctly cautioned after having already been cautioned. In C the defender is correctly dismissed for misconduct.

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'WHEN I ALMOST

FOR SOME time now I've been the target of certain members of the Press who describe me as . . . "a player who drifts in-and-out of games . . . a luxury to Manchester United."

This week I'd like to take the opportunity of hitting back at the criticism which has been aimed at me.

For a player who is not supposed to be totally involved I still managed to score 22 goals for United last season. And I'm determined to at least equal that number this term. Not bad for a winger who drifts in-and-out of matches, is it?

I'm not a big guy, physically equipped to go fighting for the ball. I'm not a player in the Archie Gemmill mould, who wins balls in mid-field and then fetches and carries.

As a forward I'm the worst defender in the world. I've admitted that often enough in the past. I couldn't tackle a packet of toffees in a sweet factory. That's not my game.

There's just no way I can change my style of play. I'm a winger who scores goals. That's why United bought me in the first place . . . the role Dave Sexton wants me to play.

I am always looking for the ball,

but I often have to depend on teammates for service. If they don't pass it to me I can't operate.

I certainly don't deliberately "get lost" during matches. I love getting the ball, taking on defenders, having a shot, setting up chances for others.

These days critics cry out for more skill . . . more excitement . . . more attacking teams. Yet, when you try to provide those things you get accused of being a "luxury" player.

I've said before United don't carry passengers — no First Division club can afford to these days.

Dave Sexton would soon axe me if I wasn't contributing to the team.

Look at all the superstars in the game at the moment. How many of them scored over 20 goals and won an F.A. Cup winner's medal last season?

"Maybe, but you were substituted in two successive Cup Finals at Wembley," you might say.

That's true, but I defy anyone to suggest I didn't play a part in helping United to reach those Finals.

And when was the last really outstanding performance from one single English player you can remember at Wembley?

There's one sportswriter in particular who not only doesn't rate me very highly, but seems to knock ALL players from this country. Even Kevin Keegan has been lashed by scathing words from his typewriter.

Most players will accept fair criticism when they've played badly,

but this guy can rarely find anything good to say about the game. This is a damaging attitude, especially at a time when we need people with influence to attract more and more fans to watch matches.

How many Press men come up with a constructive suggestion to improve our game? Or how to deal with the problems? Very few.

In my opinion some soccer-writers have lost their appetite for football. Perhaps they've been around for too long and the game has gone sour on them.

According to them none of today's players compares with the Finneys, Shackletons and Matthews of the past. That's rubbish.

Bernard Joy, one reporter I do respect, once said the Arsenal side he helped win the Championship in 1937-38 could be given a three-goal start by today's team and still get beaten.

But, then, Bernard, who spent many years on the London Evening Standard, knows what he's talking about because he was a great player. Very few of today's Pressmen actually played the game at even a good amateur standard.

Once I got so upset at certain comments regarding my ability I felt like giving up the game! It's true. I went home and told my wife Jackie I

was seriously considering asking United to release me from my contract. If I couldn't do anything right, I was better off out of football.

I'm not really qualified to judge whether journalists are good writers or not. On the other hand, some of them would look very funny in football shorts.

This season I have been more "involved" in the action because Stevie Coppell and I now drop back to help out in defence if necessary. But there's no way I can or will change my natural style.

Arsenal don't expect Malcolm Macdonald to go foraging in mid-field. Or Liverpool for Steve Heighway to tackle like Emyln Hughes. These players are allowed to play to their strengths. It's the same with me.

Having got that off my chest, a change of subject.

I'd just like to express belated good wishes to Tommy Docherty. I am delighted he's still in the First Division.

Naturally I was sorry for Colin Murphy, the man The Doc replaced at the Baseball Ground, but felt such a move had been on the cards for some time.

No disrespect to Colin, but Derby need a man with Tommy's drive and personality to get them



Tommy Docherty only has time for winners. Gordon Strachan blasts home one of his 22 goals last term against Arsenal at Old Trafford.

This week's Star Letter comes from Gerald Tolland of East Kilbride, Glasgow, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

SCOTTISH SUCCESS

PEOPLE say the Premier Division in Scotland hasn't been a success but I think the situation must be looked at in general and I believe overall the Scottish scene is healthy.

The First and Second Divisions are very important and things are looking up for them.

Many clubs in these Divisions have seen an increase in attendances — maybe not by very many, but an increase nevertheless.

There are also cases of teams being relegated from the Premier Division and then showing a rise in attendances in the First.

In my view, the Scottish authorities have completely revitalised the scene up here.

● Yes, but it's at the highest level that a game is judged and it's a fact the Premier Division has not been the success it was hoped to be. Scotland is in a different position to most countries because most of its international players are "abroad", but a healthy Premier Division would be good for the Scottish game in general. Sadly, what happens lower down the scale while important, doesn't mean quite as much as the top level.

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Justice

WILL justice ever be done in football? Manchester United were let off by U.E.F.A. while Leeds were banned after the 1975 European Cup Final in Paris. I can't really see any difference in the situations — both saw riots by so-called fans.

EAMON DELANEY, BLACKROCK.

● United can consider themselves very fortunate. Let's be honest. What happened in France was the tip of the iceberg. Almost every week one hears stories of their followers causing trouble. They're not the only club with trouble-makers, but they have the most and few people would shed tears if a complete away ban was introduced.

QUIT FOOTBALL'

back on top.

I spoke to The Doc just before he was to join Norwegian Champions Lilliestrom.

The Norwegians were upset when Tommy went to Derby but these things happen in football. For instance, my own boss Dave Sexton was all set to team-up with Terry Neill at Arsenal when United persuaded him to join them instead.

The Doc's a winner — he's no time for losers. That's why I know he'll succeed at County.

This Saturday (October 15th), United entertain another troubled team, Newcastle, at Old Trafford.

It's sad to see this famous club having such a bad run this season. I obviously don't know all the facts, but it's no secret there has been unrest behind the scenes at St. James' Park.

Unhappy players make an unhappy and unsuccessful team.

We beat The Magpies 3-1 in last season's League match at Old T, thanks to a Jimmy Greenhoff hat-trick.

Unless Newcastle improve drastically I can't see us losing this time out, either.

Next Wednesday (October 19th), United hit the European Trail again when we visit one of Tommy Docherty's old clubs, FC Porto (Portugal) for our Cup-Winners' Cup Second Round first-leg tie.

After all the controversy following our First Round tussle with St. Etienne let's hope we can concentrate solely on football . . . not the fans!

Lord Alton



Bad Doc

IT WAS with disgust I heard Tommy Docherty had backed out of his contract with Lilliestrom when Derby moved in for him. This has diminished my respect for the manager, who placed the Norwegian club in a tricky position. How can managers expect people to rely on them when they think only of themselves?

STEIN GUDVANGEN,
NORWAY.

● Managers preach loyalty to their players, yet few practice this. While everyone has a right to better themselves, it is also a fact soccer bosses think of themselves and only themselves at times.

Crushed Talent

I WAS glad to see Derby striker Derek Hales join West Ham. He has a great talent which was crushed at the Baseball Ground because his enormous price tag made people expect too much from him. Now, with less pressure on him in an experienced front-line I'm sure he'll find his goal-touch again.

MARIO McDONNELL,
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

● With Charlton Athletic Hales (right) was superb, but they made full use of his talents with wingers like Colin Powell supplying the "bullets" for Derek. West Ham should take note and act accordingly. They'll have to adapt to Derek more than vice versa.



Pen-Pals

I WOULD like pen-pals to exchange sports news, magazines and photos. I know a lot about South American soccer in general.

ENRIQUE OSSÉS S.,
BULNES 699-2°,
TEMUCO,
CHILE.

I'M A 16-year-old Swedish girl and I'd like pen-pals from Great Britain or West Germany. I support Q.P.R. and Hamburger SV.

MARIE-LOUISE KVARNSTROM,
SANDSTENSVAGEN 72,
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SWEDEN.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

FOURTH DIVISION

(continued)

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Phillips)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Paterson) 7,700
 Brentford: Bond; Fraser, Salman, Lloyd, Smith, Shrubbs, Carlton, Graham (J), Sweetzer, McCulloch, Phillips.
 Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Miller, Benson, Impey, Barton, Johnson, Showers, Paterson, Riley, Cave.

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Flavell)
CREWE (1) 1 (Purdie) 1,128
 Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell, Loska, Smith, Dunleavy, Bradley, Carroll, Bell, Horsfall (Bullock), Lawson, Gregoire.

Crewe: Crudgington; Collier, Roberts, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), Tully, Purdie, Coyne, McGinley.

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (McMordie, Poskett)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0 2,700
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Wiggott, Gibb, Ayre, Simpkin, McMordie, Downing, Newton, Poskett, Bielby.
 Wimbledon: Teale; Bryant, Galvin, Donaldson, Edwards, Bassett, Denny, Davies, Connell, Holmes, Aitken.

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Relish)
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Ferguson) 2,776
 Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Bell, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones, Walker (S) (Goddard), Woods, Clark, Relish, Preece.
 Darlington: Burleigh; Crosson, Cochrane, Nattress, Craig, Hague, Young, Rowles, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Lumby)
SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Laverick, Parker) 2,768
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock, Pilling, Money, Bridges, Oates, Kilmore, Keeley, Lumby, Heron.
 Southend: Freeman; Moody, Banks, Laverick, Townsend, Young, Morris, Goodwin, Parker, Hadley, Foggon.

SWANSEA (1) 3 (May, Charles, Curtis)
ROCHDALE (0) 0 4,348
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Bartley, Smith, May, Bruton, James, Moore (K), Curtis, Moore (G) (Charles), Chappell.
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Morrin (Owen), Scott, Bannon, Melledeew, Seddon, Mountford, Esser, Tarbuck.

TORQUAY (3) 3 (Green, Dunne, Lee C.)
READING (0) 0 2,877
 Torquay: Lee (I); Twitchin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Dunne, Lee (C), Lawrence, Brown, McVay.
 Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Bowman, Hetzke, Moreline, Earles, Nelson, Hiron, Murray, Britten (Goodchild).

WATFORD (1) 2 (Jenkins)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 7,852
 Watford: Sherwood; Gaidmintis, Pritchett, Joslyn, Ellis, Garner, Coffill (Mayes), Blisssett, Downes, Bolton, Jenkins.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Baines, Hart, Sandercock, Sidebottom (Howey), Gray, Johnson, Butler, Goldthorpe, McCaffrey.

YORK (0) 1 (Partridge o.g.)
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Liddell) 1,872
 York: Neenan; Scott, Hutt (Hunter), Topping, James, Young, Pollard, Holmes, Hope, Taylor, Stanforth.
 Grimsby: Wainman; Mower, Moore, Waters, Barker, Partridge, Ford, Liddell, Drinkell, Cumming, Brolly.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

AYR (0) 0
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Harper) 4,712
 Ayr: Sproat; Rodman, Kelly, Fleming, McAnespie, Brogan (Filippi), Phillips, McCall, Masterton, McCulloch, Crumond.
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Shirra, Garner, Miller, Jarvie, Robb, Harper, Fleming, McMaster.

CLYDEBANK (0) 0
PARTICK (3) 4 (Love 2, Melrose, Somner) 3,500
 Clydebank: Gallacher; Hall, Abel, Fallon, McLaughlin, Callaghan (McCormick), O'Brien (Ronalds), McColl, Larnach, McCallan, Lumsden.

Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Gibson, Campbell, Anderson, Houston, Melrose, Love, Somner, Craig.

DUNDEE UTD (2) 2 (Kirkwood, Rolland pen.)
HIBS (0) 0 6,500
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Wallace, Kirkwood, Addison, Payne.
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Schaedler, Brazil, Stewart, Blackley, Murray, Bremner, Higgins, McLeod, Smith (McKay).

MOTHERWELL (0) 0
ST. MIRREN (1) 3 (McGarvey, Abercrombie, Fitzpatrick pen.) 7,432
 Motherwell: Rennie; Watson (Marinello), Wark, McLaren, McVie, Stevens, McAdam, Pettigrew, Miller (J), Davidson, Purdie.
 St. Mirren: Hunter; Young, Mowat, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Docherty (Abercrombie), Stark, McGarvey, Richardson, Hyslop.

RANGERS (0) 3 (Smith 2, Johnstone)
CELTIC (2) 2 (Edvaldsson 2) 55,000
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Miller, Forsyth, Johnstone, Macdonald (McLean), McKean, Russell, Parlane (Greig), Smith, Cooper.
 Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Edvaldsson, McDonald, Casey, Doyle, Dowie (McAdam), Glavin, Burns (Lennox), Wilson.

MONDAY, SEPT. 12

THIRD DIVISION

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Lamb)
BRADFORD C (0) 0 3,814
 Port Vale: Dance; McGifford, Harper, Ridley, Harris, Bithell, Lamb, Cullerton, Brownbill, Beamish, Hemmerman.
 Bradford: Downsborough; Hardcastle, Spark (Cooke), Fretwell, Nicholis, Middleton, Watson, Dolan, Martinez, Wright, Hutchins.

TRANMERE (1) 3 (Moore, Evans, Peplow)
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Shinton) 5,613
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.
 Wrexham: Nidzwiecki; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Lee, Cartwright, Griffiths (Hill).

FOURTH DIVISION

SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Parker 2)
SWANSEA (1) 1 (Curtis) 6,144
 Southend: Freeman; Moody, Banks (Walker), Laverick, Townsend, Young, Morris, Goodwin, Parker, Hadley, Foggon.
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Bartley, Smith (Lally), May, Davids, Chappell, James, Curtis, Charles, Moore (K).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (0) 2 (Woolfall, Rowland)
GILLINGHAM (2) 2 (Shipperley, Price) 5,179
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Thomson, Tucker, Bailey (Stanton), Woolfall, McIlwraith, Rowland, Entwistle, Robins.
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Armstrong, Overton, Shipperley, Hughes, Nicholl, Hunt, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Butlin 2)
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Lathan) 4,498
 Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Sargent, Carmichael, Robson (Camp).
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, Carr, Macdonald, Parker, McVitie, Martin, Lathan, Rafferty, Ludlam.

PLYMOUTH (1) 3 (Hall, Austin 2)
WALSALL (1) 3 (Buckley, Delve o.g., Caswell) 5,958
 Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Horswill, Foster, Craven, Hall, Delve, Austin, Trusson, Rogers.
 Walsall: Kearns; Taylor, Caswell, Hynd, Serella, Newton, Robertson, Bates, Dennehy, Buckley, Birch (Evans).

PORTSMOUTH (0)
COLCHESTER (0) 11,757
 Portsmouth: Middleton; Roberts, Wilson, Ellis, Foster, Cahill, Pollock, Kemp, Stokes, Green, Mellows.
 Colchester: Walker; Cook (Wignall), Williams, Foley, Dyer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt, Bunkell, Allinson.

PRESTON (0) 1 (Robinson)
SWINDON (1) 1 (Anderson) 6,014
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Wilson, Doyle, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Burns (Robinson), Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.
 Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Stroud, Aizlewood, Prohett, Moss, Ford, Guthrie, McHale, Anderson.

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Finney)
EXETER (0) 0 4,889
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Brechin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Spencer, Finney, Womble, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Saxton, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Robertson, Holman, Jennings.

SHREWSBURY (2) 3 (Hornsby 2, Irvine)
CAMBRIDGE (1) 3 (Biley 2, Watson) 2,618
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; Leonard, Keay, Turner, Griffin, Atkins, Irvine, Hornsby, Bates, Lindsay, Maguire.
 Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Murray, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs (Streete), Morgan, Finney, Biley.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (1) 3 (Wigg 2, Price)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 5,725
 Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Price, Wigg, Little (Joicey), Collier.
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock, Pilling, Money, Bridges, Oates, Kilmore, Keeley, Lumby, Heron (Kavanagh).

BOURNEMOUTH (2) 2 (Phillipson-Masters, Riley)
YORK (1) 1 (Holmes) 2,863
 Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Miller, Phillipson-Masters, Impey (Howarth), Barton, Johnson, Showers, Paterson, Riley, Cave.
 York: Neenan; Scott, Hunter, Woodward, Topping, James, Pollard, Holmes, Mitchell (Hoy), Hope, Stanforth.



Phil Boyer scored Southampton's winner against Crystal Palace.

DARLINGTON (0) 2 (Wann, Rowles)
HALIFAX (1) 1 (Bullock) 1,863
 Darlington: Burleigh; Crosson, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Nattress, Young (Maitland), Rowles, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.
 Halifax: Gennoe; Loska, Flavell, Smith, Alcock, Dunleavy, Carroll, Bullock, Bell, Lawson, Gregoire.

GRIMSBY (0) 2 (Liddell, Drinkell)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Downing) 3,790
 Grimsby: Wainman; Mower, Moore, Waters, Barker, Partridge, Ford, Liddell, Drinkell, Cumming, Brolly.
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone (Linacre), Wiggott, Gibb, Ayre, Simpkin, McMordie, Downing, Newton, Poskett, Bielby.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Goldthorpe)
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Lawrence) 3,692
 Huddersfield: Taylor; Sweeney, Baines, Hart, Sandercock, Gray, Armstrong, Fowler, Eccles, Goldthorpe (Howey), McCaffrey.
 Torquay: Lee (T); Twitchin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Dunne, Lee (C), Lawrence, Brown, McVay.

NORTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Farrington, Reilly)
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Rutter) 3,880
 Northampton: Garnham; Tucker, Mead, Liddle, Robertson, Best, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, Martin, McGowan (Christie).
 Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Thompson, Loadwick, Fogarty, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Daniels, Massey.

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Owen)
BRENTFORD (1) 2 (McCulloch, Kruse) 1,164
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Morrin, Scott, Bannon, Melledeew, Seddon, Owen, Esser, Tarbuck.
 Brentford: Bond; Fraser, Salman, Lloyd, Kruse, Shrubbs, Carlton, Graham (J), Sweetzer, McCulloch, Phillips.

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Edwards)
ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Needham, Dungworth) 4,446
 Wimbledon: Teale; Bryant, Galvin, Donaldson, Edwards, Bassett, Aitken, Galliers, Davies, Holmes, Leslie.
 Aldershot: Johnson; Earls, Butler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

LEAGUE CUP (Second Round replays)

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Boam)
SUNDERLAND (0) 0 29,572
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Cooper (Bailey), Souness, Boam, Ramage, Mahoney, Mills, Woolf, McAndrew, Armstrong.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Docherty, Bolton, Kerr (Arnott), Waldron, Ashurst, Rostron, Elliott, Henderson, Lee, Rowell.

OLDHAM (0) 2 (Halom, Edwards)
BRIGHTON (0) 2 (Potts, Cattlin) (a.e.t.) 7,787
 Oldham: O'Gden; Hoolickin, Holt, Bell, Edwards, Hurst, Valentine, Blair (Irving), Halom, Chapman, Groves.
 Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Cattlin, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Potts, Fell (Towner), Mellor, Piper, Ruggiero.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Funnel, Boyer)
C. PALACE (0) 1 (Perrin) a.e.t. 19,386
 Southampton: Turner; Andruszewski, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering (Funnel), Ball, Waldron, Osgood, Boyer, MacDougall.
 C. Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Graham, Cannon, Evans, Swindlehurst, Chaterton, Perrin, Bourne, Harkouk (Wall).

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP

(Quarter-Finals first-leg)

FULHAM (1) 1 (Greenaway)
ST. MIRREN (0) 1 (Richardson) 4,332
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Storey, Lacey, Gale, Greenaway, Mitchell, Maybank, Evanson, Bullivant.
 St. Mirren: Hunter; Young, Mowat, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Docherty, Stark, McGarvey, Richardson, Hyslop.

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Miller)
NOTTS CO (0) 1 (Bradd) 4,494
 Motherwell: Rennie; McAdam, Wark, Miller (J), McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, Davidson, Purdie (Miller P), O'Neill.
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards (P), O'Brien, Probert (Carter), Stubbs, Benjamin, Smith, Hooks, Bradd, Busby, Mann.

PARTICK (1) 2 (McGose; Pritchard o.g.)
BRISTOL C (0) 0 4,000
 Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Gibson, Anderson, Campbell, Houston, Melrose, Love, Somner, Craig.
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Talton, Ritchie, Pritchard (Bain), Cormack, Whitehead.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 14

EUROPEAN CUP (First Round first-leg)

CELTIC (2) 5 (McDonald, Wilson, Craig 2, McLaughlin)
JEUNESSE ESCH (0) 0 22,000
 Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Edvaldsson, McDonald, McWilliams, Doyle (Lennox), Glavin (McLaughlin), Craig, Aitken, Wilson.
 Jeunesse: Rogues; Pigat, Rohmann, Mond, Redding, Pentima (Richelli), Meld, Koster, Swally, Robert, Noel.

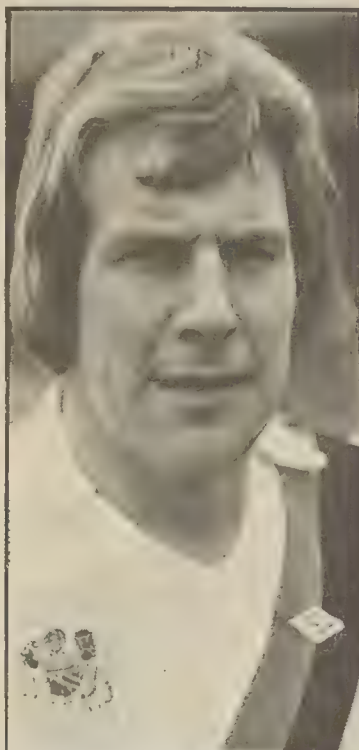
CUP-WINNERS' CUP (First Round first-leg)

CARDIFF 0
AUSTRIA/WAC 0 3,631
 Cardiff: Irwin; Attley, Byrne, Campbell, Went, Pontin, Livermore, Sayer, Evans, Dwyer, Giles (Grapes).
 Austria/WAC: Weninger; Sara (R), Obermaier, Baumeister, Daxbacher, Sara (J), Parits, Zach, Pirkner, Gasselich, Morales (Drazan).

COLERAINE (0) 1 (Tweed)
LOKOMOTIVE LEIPZIG (3) 4 (Eichhorn, Kuhn, Lowe 2) 6,000
 Coleraine: Magee; Jackson, Hutton, Beckett, Connell, Murray, Tweed, Porter, Guy, Dickson, Moffatt (Mullan).
 Leipzig: Friese (Stotzner); Grobner, Sekora, Dennstedt, Fritsche, Altmann, Moidt, Eichhorn, Lowe, Frenzel (Liebers), Kuhn.

RANGERS 0
TWENTE 0 30,000
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Miller, Forsyth, Jackson, Watson, McKean, Russell, Henderson, Smith, Cooper.
 Twente: Van Gerven; Van Derssel, Thoresen, Drost, Thijssen, Overweg, Wildschut, Van der Vail, Bos (Pahlplatz), Muhren, Gritter.

ST. ETIENNE (0) 1 (Synaeghel)
MAN. UTD. (0) 1 (Hill) 33,678
 St. Etienne: Curkovic; Janvion, Farison, Piazza, Lopez, Bathenay, Synaeghel, Santini, Revelli (P), Barthelemy (Rocheteau), Sar-magna.
 Man. U: Stepney; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy (Grimes), Greenhoff (B) (Houston), Buchan, McGrath, Coppell, Pearson, McCreery, Hill.



Manchester City's Joe Royle grabbed their goal v. Queens Park Rangers.

U.E.F.A. CUP (First Round first-leg)

ASTON VILLA (2) 4 (Gray, Deehan 2, Little)
FENERBAHCE (0) 0 30,351
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Robson, Phillips; McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Gray, Cropley, Carrodus.
 Fenerbahce: Ivancevic, Onur (Zafer), Yenal, Sem, Alpaslan (Aydin), Antic, Tuna, Coskun, Onber, Cemil, Sevki.

BOHEMIANS 0
NEWCASTLE 0 20,000
 Bohemians: Skith; Gregg, O'Brien, O'Connor (P), McGormley, Byrne (P), Shelly, Kelly, Byrne (E), O'Connor (T), Ryan.
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Craig (D), Kennedy, Cassidy, Bird, Nattrass, Barrowclough, Cannell, Burns, Callaghan, Craig (T).

DUNDEE U (0) 1 (Sturrock)
KB COPENHAGEN (0) 0 8,500
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rennie, Kopel, Robinson, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Wallace, Kirkwood, Addison (Holt), Payne.
 KB: Qvist; Hosgaard, Boesen, Hensen (P), Lindby, Eigendroot, Friman, Morregaard, Petersen, Hansen (L) (Krol), Lavdrup.

GLENAVON (2) 2 (Malone pen., McDonald)
PSV EINDHOVEN (2) 6 (Van der Kuylen 2, Krijgh, Deijkers, Deacy, Lubse) 5,000
 Glenavon: Carlisle; Sheppard, Ferguson, Campbell, Blair, Cull, McDonald (Lennox), Megarry, Gracey, Neill, Maloney.

PSV: Van Beveren; Krijgh, Van Kraay, Brandts, Deacy, Willy Van der Kerkhof, Van der Kuylen, Poortvliet, Lubse, Deijkers, Rene Van der Kerkhof.

LANDSKRONA (0) 0
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Whymark) 8,000
 Landskrona: Sorensson; Theander, Jorgen Augustsson, Kronqvist, Nilsson, Sjoberg, Martenson, Bo Augustsson, Petersson, Johansson, Aronsson.
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Osborne, Gates, Mariner, Whymark, Woods.

MAN. CITY (1) 2 (Barnes, Channon)
WIDZEW LODZ (0) 2 (Boniek 2; 1 pen.) 33,695
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Owen, Watson, Booth, Barnes, Channon, Kidd, Hartford, Keegan (Royle).
 Widzew: Burzynski; Kostrzewinski, Janas, Chodakowski, Tiekinski, Kowenicki, Rozborski, Mozejko, Grebosz, Boniek, Gapinski (Krawczyk).

RWD MOLENBEEK 0
ABERDEEN 0 14,000
 RWD: Ruiter (Leonard); Dumon, Den Haesa, Alinhho, Desanghere, Boskamp, Cordiez, Olsen, Goretz, Wellens, Van Haecke (Wessman).
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Shirra, Garner, Miller, Jarvie, Davidson, Harper, Fleming, McMaster.

THIRD DIVISION

CHESTER (0) 2 (Edwards, I. Crossley)
SHEFF. WED (0) 1 (Tynan) 4,520
 Chester: Millington; Raynor, Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Crossley, Jeffries, Kearney, Edwards (I), Phillips.
 Sheff. W: Turner; Walden, Rushbury, Cusack, Dowd, Leman, Wyde (Hope), Johnson, Tynan, Porterfield, Bradshaw.

CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Cammack, Parker)
HEREFORD (0) 1 (McNeil) 4,368
 Chesterfield: Ogrovcic; Tarrt, Burton, Kowalski, Cottam, Pollard, Jones, Cammack, Green, Parker, Heppollette.
 Hereford: Hughes; Burrows (Proudlove), Ritchie, Marshall, Layton, Sheedy, Briley, Carter, Sinclair, McNeil, Spiring.

OXFORD (1) 1 (Curran)
LINCOLN (0) 0 4,200
 Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogon, Taylor, Foley, Curran, Duncan.
 Lincoln: Grotier; Neale, Leigh, Booth, Wiginton, Crombie, Hubbard, Graham, Cork, Fleming, Harding (Cockerill).

FOURTH DIVISION

CREWE (1) 2 (Purdie, Coyne)
NEWPORT (0) 0 1,812
 Crewe: Crudgington; Collier, Roberts (Cheetham), Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), McGinley, Coyne, Purdie, Tully.
 Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Byrne, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones, Walker (S), Woods, Clark, Relish, Williams.

READING (1) 1 (Earles)
WATFORD (1) 3 (Blissett, Mayes 2) 4,862
 Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Bowman, Hetzke, Moreline, Earles, Nelson, Williams, Murray (Britten), Hiron.
 Watford: Sherwood; Geidmintis, Pritchett, Joslyn, Ellis, Garner, Coffill (Mayes), Blissett, Jenkins, Bolton, Downes.

LEAGUE CUP (Second Round replay)

HULL (1) 1 (Bannister)
SOUTHPORT (0) 0 4,846
 Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, DeVries, Bremner, Croft, Roberts, Haigh, Galvin, Sunley, Bannister, Stewart.
 Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Cooper, Wilson (Birchall), Ashworth, Suddick, Jones.

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP (Quarter-Final first-leg)

HIBS (2) 2 (McKay, McLeod)
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Brotherston) 5,349
 Hibs: McDonald; McNamara; Schaedler, Brazil, Stewart, Blackley, McLeod, Bremner, McKay, Higgins, Scott.
 Blackburn: Bradshaw; Curtis (Mitchell), Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Hird, Lewis, Parkes, Wagstaffe.

THURSDAY, SEPT 15

EUROPEAN CUP (First Round, first-leg)

VALUR (1) 1 (Bergs)
GLENTORAN (0) 0 1,000
 Valur: Dagsson; Kjartansson, Saemundsson, Hilmarsson, Gudmundsson (D), Bergs, Albertsson, Edvaldsson, Gudmundsson (A), Thorbjornsson, Alfonsson.
 Glentoran: Matthews; McCreery, McFall, Walsh, Robson, Stewart, Dickinson, Moreland, Caskey, Jamison, Feeney.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

THIRD DIVISION

SWINDON (1) 1 (Guthrie)
BURY (0) 1 (Tucker) 8,139
 Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Stroud, Aizlewood, Prophet, Moss, Ford, Guthrie, McHale, Anderson.
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Thomson, Tucker, Hutton, Woolfall, McIlwraith, Rowland, Entwistle, Robins.

TRANMERE 0
BRADFORD 0 4,289
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen (James).
 Bradford C: Downsbrough; Hardcastle, Spark, Middleton, Nicholls, Fretwell, Watson, Dolan, Wright, Martinez (Cooke), Hutchins.

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THE interesting feature about the Second Round draw as far as British clubs are concerned is none of our teams can realistically be rated as "safe" to go through.

In the last round, for instance, Celtic were obviously going to beat Jeunesse Esch. of Luxembourg. Now, most of the minnows have gone and we're left with some fascinating ties.

Liverpool, after a bye in the previous round, renew their acquaintance with Dynamo Dresden, who they knocked out of the U.E.F.A. Cup not so long ago.

Like Liverpool, the East German Champions have started this campaign well and Dresden is never the easiest of places to get a good result.

A first-time exit for Liverpool is almost unthinkable, so Bob Paisley will be hoping for a fully-fit squad to start his defence of the European Cup.

Celtic, too, will be expected to win their tie against SSW Innsbruck of Austria. The Scots have not impressed in the League this season and Jock Stein must be worried. He has a young team and while they won't win the European Cup, Danny McGrain and company should reach the next round.

Northern Ireland aces Glentoran have a bumper tie against Juventus and can take heart from the fact the Italians haven't started their League campaign too well.

Newcastle must put their League disasters behind them when they take on Bastia of France in the U.E.F.A. Cup. Bastia have been strengthened by the

EUROPEAN CUPS PREVIEW

NO EASY TIES FOR BRITISH CLUBS

signing of Dutch winger Johnny Rep, although like The Magpies their League form has been erratic in these early weeks.

Aston Villa did exceptionally well to beat Fenerbahce of Turkey 6-0 in the last round. As they take on Gornik Zabrze of Poland, they will bear in mind what happened to Manchester City when they were favourites to beat another Polish club, Widzew Lodz.

Ipswich fans may not know much about Union of Las Palmas — although it's a fabulous trip for

Steve Heighway against Dynamo Dresden during a U.E.F.A. Cup Quarter-Final game in 1975-76. 'Pool won and will be hoping for a similar result when the two clubs meet in this term's European Cup.



those supporters who can afford to go to the Canary Islands!

The Spaniards are managed by Miguel Muñoz, who was in charge of Real Madrid during their hey-day. He knows Euro soccer inside out and Ipswich won't enjoy playing in the tight 20,000-capacity Insular Stadium.

Pick of the foreign ties in the U.E.F.A. Cup is the clash between Barcelona and AZ '67. This will bring together some of the Dutch international squad — Cruyff and Neeskens for Barcelona, and Peters, van Hanegem, Hovenkamp and Kist of AZ.

Barcelona are setting the pace in the Spanish League without playing too well — a bad omen for the Alkmaar club.

The European Cup-Winners' Cup has so far been dominated by the exploits of Manchester United's fans. Let's hope this time it's soccer that does the talking... as it certainly should in the repeat of last season's Final.

Hamburger SV take on Anderlecht and the Belgians will be hoping to gain their revenge. The Germans now have Kevin Keegan and the Slav Ivan Buljan in their team, of course. Anderlecht's international line-up is well-known. Looks a great feast of football.

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STOKE CITY V. BRIGHTON

Saturday, October 15th, Victoria Ground

This week we feature an exchange of views between Denis Smith of Stoke, whose side were relegated to the Second Division last season, and Brian Horton, a player with promotion-winners Brighton



DENIS SMITH

SMITH: Hello, Brian. Last season our worlds looked miles apart with Stoke in the First Division and Brighton in the Third.

HORTON: If you'd been able to stay in Division One, you could have clashed with us there. After the start we've made, I expect us to have another promotion on our hands.

SMITH: We fancy ourselves to go straight back, too. Funnily enough, we lost our opening game to one of the sides that came up with you last season — Mansfield — but after that we settled down to string some results together. How are you finding the Second Division so far? Pretty easy, by the looks of things.

HORTON: We've made a tremendous start, but we have found differences. It's more skilful at this level and we've found that when we concede free-kicks on the edge of the box, teams often score from them. That wouldn't normally have happened in the Third. How about you?

SMITH: You mentioned more skilful football. From what I've seen, people seem to be standing back and playing more football than in recent years. I expected it to be more physical, but it's not been like that. Sunderland, of all people, were the toughest lot we met in the early weeks of the season. I think the skill factor has benefited us, because we're a side who have always liked to play it around.

HORTON: That goes for us, too. We've a few players who have First Division experience — Chris Cattlin was at Coventry and Ian Mellor at Norwich — and some of the lads here could play at any



BRIAN HORTON

level. Have you had to change your style at all this season?

SMITH: Not as such. But we have some new players so we're bound to be playing differently. We've also a new 'keeper — Roger Jones. And I'm playing alongside Alan Dodd in the middle now. Last season Alan was at full-back most of the time and Alan Bloor played in the number six shirt.

HORTON: The ability of midfield players in this Division has impressed me. We have to be more careful about giving the ball away there because once you lose it, it's not easy to get it back.

SMITH: Still, you've been scoring regularly. And a team that can get goals is always going to be a danger. Everyone knows about the finishing of Peter Ward — I saw him get two crackers on the television.

HORTON: We fancy Peter, Ian Mellor and Eric Potts, our front three, to score against anybody. It's lovely to have a strike-force like that — you know they're always likely to produce something. But in the Second Division, even Peter has found it difficult to get space.

SMITH: I suppose the biggest adjustment for us has been playing in front of smaller crowds. Mansfield was a shock to the system on the opening day of the season but that's something we have to put up with.



Eric Potts is one of Brighton's dangerous front-three strike force.

HORTON: We're lucky there because our crowds are fantastic. We averaged over 20,000 last season and we've already had one of 25,000 this term. We only lost one League game at the Goldstone Ground last term and our crowd had a lot to do with it. They provide an electric atmosphere.

SMITH: Relegation has proved a good thing for us so far. There was no doubt the club needed a shake-up and coming down has brought that about. I've not been very impressed with what I've seen in this Division so far. I think we've a great chance of promotion — and we'll definitely finish in the top six.

HORTON: We see no reason for not winning a few more medals, either. But I fancy it will be a close run thing between a number of clubs this season. Spurs, Southampton and Bolton should be thereabouts, and you can't rule out Sunderland.

SMITH: I fancy Bolton, too, but I'm not so sure about Spurs. The way they played last season, I'm surprised they made such a good start. I wasn't all that impressed with Brighton on the TV, either, I'm sorry to say.

HORTON: Well, I used to watch Stoke's midweek matches when I was at Port Vale. But I don't think I could make any judgments from that. I'll wait until after Saturday to give you my opinion of your team.

SMITH: I'll look forward to that, Brian — after we've beaten you.

HORTON: I shouldn't bet on that if I were you.



Alan Dodd has moved into a centre-back position at Stoke.

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BIRTHPLACE: Birmingham
BIRTHDATE: May 20th, 1956
HEIGHT: 6ft 2ins
WEIGHT: 13st 10lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Aston Villa, Atherstone, Burnley
MARRIED: No
CAR: Consul
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pat Jennings
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Aston Villa
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Joe Jordan (Leeds)
MOST MEMORABLE MATCHES: Playing against the "big two" — Liverpool and Manchester United
BIGGEST THRILL: Joining Fulham
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Leaving Villa
BEST COUNTRIES VISITED: Bermuda, Ibiza
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Swimming, golf, tennis, diving
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW: Name of the Game
FAVOURITE SINGER: Leonard Cohen
FAVOURITE ACTOR: Humphrey Bogart
BEST FRIEND: Many
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Gil Merrick, coaching staff at Burnley
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Can't think of one
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Republic of Ireland
PROFESSIONAL & PERSONAL AMBITION: To keep my place in the Ireland and Fulham teams
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99 internationals in West Germany

AT the beginning of the season, there were 99 internationals from ten different countries playing in the West German Bundesliga, and regional Leagues. Here is the full list with details:

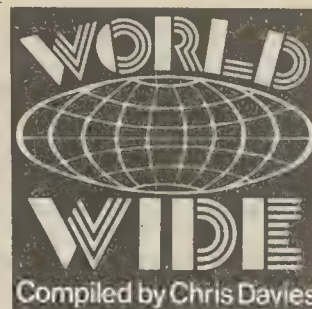
West German Internationals

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| Berti Vogts, Bor. Mönchengladbach..... | 82 |
| Sepp Maier, FC Bayern München..... | 76 |
| Horst-Dieter Höttges, Werder Bremen..... | 66 |
| Gerd Müller, FC Bayern, München..... | 62 |
| Wolfgang Weber, 1.FC Köln..... | 53 |
| Jürgen Grabowski, Eintr. Frankfurt..... | 44 |
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| Bernd Hölzenbein, Eintr. Frankfurt..... | 31 |
| Heinz Flohe, 1.FC Köln..... | 29 |
| Paul Breitner, Eintr. Braunschweig..... | 28 |
| Rainer Bonhof, Bor. Mönchengladbach..... | 26 |
| Klaus Fichtel, FC Schalke 04..... | 23 |
| Bernd Cullmann, 1.FC Köln..... | 22 |
| Johannes Löhr, 1.FC Köln..... | 20 |
| Erich Beer, Hertha BSC Berlin..... | 17 |
| Bernhard Dietz, MSV Duisburg..... | 16 |
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| Horst Köppel, Bor. Mönchengladbach..... | 11 |
| Georg Volkert, Hamburger SV..... | 10 |
| Manfred Kaltz, Hamburger SV..... | 9 |
| Helmuth Kremers, FC Schalke 04..... | 8 |
| Dieter Müller, 1.FC Köln..... | 8 |
| Wolfgang Kleff, Bor. Mönchengladbach..... | 6 |
| Dietmar Danner, Bor. Mönchengladbach..... | 6 |
| Karl-Heinz Körbel, Eintr. Frankfurt..... | 6 |
| Karlheinz Rummenigge, FC Bayern..... | 6 |
| Klaus Fischer, FC Schalke 04..... | 5 |
| Rolf Rüssmann, FC Schalke 04..... | 5 |
| Rüdiger Abramczik, FC Schalke 04..... | 5 |
| Jupp Kapellmann, FC Bayern München..... | 5 |
| Lothar Emmerich, FV Würzburg 04..... | 5 |
| Dieter Herzog, Bayer Leverkusen..... | 5 |
| Bernd Franke, Eintr. Braunschweig..... | 4 |
| Peter Nogly, Hamburger SV..... | 4 |
| Franz Roth, FC Bayern München..... | 4 |
| Michael Bella, MSV Duisburg..... | 4 |
| Wolfgang Seel, Fortuna Düsseldorf..... | 4 |
| Reiner Geyer, 1.FC Kaiserslautern..... | 4 |
| Hans Bongartz, FC Schalke 04..... | 3 |
| Rudi Kargus, Hamburger SV..... | 3 |
| Erwin Kostedde, Borussia Dortmund..... | 3 |
| Ronnie Worm, MSV Duisburg..... | 3 |
| Norbert Nigbur, Hertha BSC Berlin..... | 3 |

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| Manfred Ritschel, Kaiserslautern..... | 3 |
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| Rudi Seliger, MSV Duisburg..... | 2 |
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| Franz-Josef Tenhagen, VfL Bochum..... | 2 |
| Volkmar Gross, FC Schalke 04..... | 1 |
| Dieter Zembksi, Eintr. Braunschweig..... | 1 |
| Bernd Nickel, Eintracht Frankfurt..... | 1 |
| Herbert Zimmermann, 1.FC Köln..... | 1 |
| Klaus Zaczek, Hamburger SV..... | 1 |
| Ferdinand Keller, Hamburger SV..... | 1 |
| Arno Steffenhagen, Hamburger SV..... | 1 |
| Uwe Klemann, Hertha BSC Berlin..... | 1 |
| Bernd Gersdorff, Hertha BSC Berlin..... | 1 |
| Dieter Burdinski, Werder Bremen..... | 1 |
| Klaus Toppmöller, Kaiserslautern..... | 1 |
| Horst Trimhold, FSV Frankfurt..... | 1 |
| Klaus Wunder, Hannover 96..... | 1 |

Foreign Internationals

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| Ronnie Hellström, Kaisersl..... | 57 for Sweden |
| Jovan Acimovic, Saarbrücken..... | 56 for Yugo. |
| Dragan Holcer, VfB Stuttgart..... | 52 for Yugo. |
| Branko Oblak, FC Bayern München..... | 46 for Yugo. |
| Enver Maric, FC Schalke 04..... | 32 for Yugo. |
| Kevin Keegan, Hamburger SV..... | 32 for England |
| Per Rantved, Werder Bremen..... | 32 for Denmark |
| Ivan Buljan, Hamburger SV..... | 30 for Yugo. |
| Sepp Hickersberger, Fortuna Düsseldorf..... | 29 for Austria |
| Carlos Babington, Wattenscheid..... | 27 for Arg. |
| Svend Andresen, Eintracht Trier..... | 26 for Denmark |
| Kurt Jara, MSV Duisburg..... | 23 for Austria |
| Jan Mattson, Bayer Uerdingen..... | 21 for Sweden |
| Dainio Popivoda, Braunschweig..... | 19 for Yugo. |
| Noel Campbell, Fortuna Köln..... | 19 for Eire |
| Allen Simonsen, Borussia Mönchen..... | 16 for Denmark |
| Roger Van Gool, 1.FC Köln..... | 16 for Belgium |
| Benny Wendt, 1.FC Kaiserslautern..... | 16 for Sweden |
| Roland Hattenberger, VfB Stuttgart..... | 16 for Austria |
| Ove Flindt Bjerg, Karlsruher SC..... | 14 for Denmark |
| Flemming Lund, Fortuna Düsseldorf..... | 11 for Denmark |
| Viggo Jensen, SpVgg Fürth..... | 11 for Denmark |
| Hasse Borg, Braunschweig..... | 8 for Sweden |
| Jan H. Nielsen, 1860 München..... | 8 for Denmark |
| Maik Galakos, FC St. Pauli Hamburg..... | 7 for Greece |
| Preben Larsen, 1.FC Köln..... | 6 for Denmark |
| Ole Rasmussen, Hertha BSC Berlin..... | 2 for Denmark |
| Vanko Balevski, Karlsruher SC..... | 2 for Yugo. |
| Carsten Nielsen, Borussia Mglad..... | 1 for Denmark |
| Willi Lippens, Borussia Dortmund..... | 1 for Holland |
| Niels Tune-Hansen, FC St Pauli..... | 1 for Denmark |
| Mogens Hansen, SpVgg Bayreuth..... | 1 for Denmark |



High-scoring Kiev

DYNAMO KIEV'S recent 8-0 win over Cernomoz (Black Sea) Odessa, was the highest score in a U.S.S.R. First Division game for 21 years. The previous highest score was knocked in by Spartak Leningrad in 1936 and their opponents that day were ... Dynamo Kiev.

Czech Champions recover — 8-1

CZECH CHAMPIONS Dukla Prague began the season badly with a 0-4 defeat away to Tatran Presov, but they bounced back in the following mid-week with a crushing 8-1 home win over, of all clubs, Slovan Bratislava, the 1974 and 1975 Champions. Dukla's international forward Miroslav Gajdusek scored a hat-trick, while Slovan's consolation goal came from a penalty by Dusan Gallis, the man whose winning goal headed England out of the 1976 European Championship.

PSV EINDHOVEN, having lost the giant Swedish striker Ralf Edström who has returned to Sweden, are in the market for a big striker, good in the air. They have their eyes set on Joe Jordan of Leeds United and are prepared to pay Leeds £450,000.

One of Budapest's crack clubs the Army team, Honved, have finally cracked down on the drinking habits of former international striker Lajos Kocsis. Now 30-years-old, Kocsis, no relation to Sandor of 1953 fame, and has been suspended for one year until August, 1979, and banned from entering any of the club's premises.

SPANISH club Valencia made a surprise last-minute signing to fill the gap left by the departure of Dutch international winger Johnny Rep. Free-spending Valencia signed little-known Boca Juniors' winger Dario Luis Felman for a fee of £250,000.

The 25-year-old striker rose from obscurity in 1975 when Argentina team-manager Cesar Luis Menotti spotted him playing for Gimnasia de Mendoza and selected him for the Argentina Provincial XI.

Felman was promptly signed by Boca Juniors for the 1976 season, when he scored 13 goals in 43 appearances during the side's "double" campaign. Although he's scored only six goals this season, Felman is expected to team up well with "Lobo" Diarte and fellow Argentinian Mario Kempes in Valencia.

Though the contracts won't be signed until Felman has completed a year's trial with the Spanish club. At the moment, Valencia have merely paid a "deposit" of £70,000, and if they succeed in signing Rainer Bonhof of Borussia Mönchengladbach after the World Cup, they may release Felman.



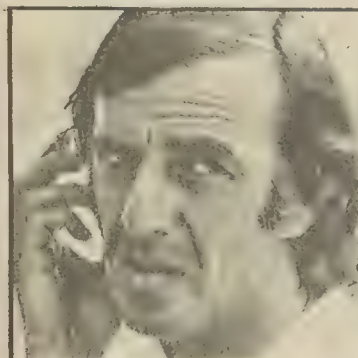
Fort Lauderdale Strikers, with the one and only Gordon Banks in goal, are building a new stadium because their present one can't cope with their fans — they had an increase of 166 per cent this year.

As supreme Clive Toye says: "Soccer is now such big business in the States that no player in the world can ignore an offer to come here."

And as events of recent years have shown, the Americans are reluctant to take "no" for an answer and usually get their man.

I expect more top names to join N.A.S.L. clubs after the World Cup Finals next year.

* Picture shows George Best in action for Los Angeles Aztecs against Cosmos.



ARGENTINIAN national team-manager, Cesar Luis Menotti (above) is still shuffling players around in a bid to come up with a strong World Cup team, but he has managed to reduce his short list of players to 38 by deleting 17 names from his provisional list. At the same time he's added four new players to his "possibles" — Alves of Boca Juniors, Paganini of Estudiantes, Trossero of Independiente and Capurro of Newells Old Boys.

TROUBLED DUTCH

THE DUTCH F.A. are having money troubles again, finding the bonuses to pay their World Cup players. For beating Iceland 4-1, each player received 3,000 guilders (£750) and gate receipts didn't even cover that. Then for the away game with Northern Ireland the Dutch have promised their players 4,000 guilders each — another £11,000; and for the vital home game with Belgium 5,000 guilders a man.

● The rebuilt stadium at Mar del Plata — a 1978 World Cup venue — is in its last stages of construction.

When finished (which should be next month), the stadium will hold around 50,000 fans plus 700 journalists. Seventy-five radio transmission cables have also been installed.

EDWARD VIRBA, a West German coach, will take charge of the Bolivia national side during the World Cup play-offs with Hungary. His salary is around £1,500 per month plus win (?) bonuses.

ATTENDANCE BOOM IN THE STATES

THOSE who are still cynical about soccer in the U.S.A. will have few arguments left now that figures for the 1977 season have been published.

The 234 League games attracted a total of 3,171,780, an increase of 31 per cent on 1976. This meant the average attendance was 13,555... hard to credit when you know soccer has only really taken off in the States over the past three or four years.

Top of the averages were Champions Cosmos, with 34,147 for their home games; how many First Division clubs in England would like that number?

Other clubs, too, had impressive home gates. Seattle Sounders — 24,226; Tampa Bay Rowdies — 19,492; San Jose Earthquakes — 17,739; Dallas Tornado — 16,511.

SHOOT: How are you getting on in New York? Do you miss Germany very much?

BECKENBAUER: Yes, I've left a lot of friends in Germany. Here I've only my wife Brigitte and my agent Robert Schwann with me. My children, Thomas, Michael and Stefan came out here for their summer holidays, but they're continuing their education in Germany. But I shall be back in Germany when the U.S. season finishes and we're probably heading back to the 'home country'. I'd like to be able to carry on training with Bayern Munich. It's proving very interesting for me out here, though. I didn't really know anything about life in the United States except the impressions one usually picks up from books, TV and films, and I'm gradually discovering what the life-style really is.

SHOOT: There were all sorts of criticisms in the German Press when you announced your departure.

BECKENBAUER: Yes, it was sad. They said I had marriage problems; they said I *had* to leave because I had tremendous tax debts; they said I was a traitor. Even the German F.A. and Helmut Schoen took the news very badly. Suddenly everyone seems to have forgotten my 19 years with Bayern and all the things I've done for the national team. I'm afraid Bayern will never be the team it was a few years ago — it's on the way down, and this probably influenced my decision to leave. Let's face it, I'm 31 now, and this was an offer I couldn't refuse.

SHOOT: 19 years with one club is a long time. Hadn't you ever thought of a transfer before?

BECKENBAUER: Over the years there have been tentative offers from German, Spanish and Italian clubs. I've always had a hankering to play in Italy, but I think the money Bayern were paying me and the transfer fee they wanted frightened most people off. The only time I was seriously thinking about a move was when Hennes Weisweiler was manager of Barcelona. His plan was to let Cruyff go and sign me, and I had already reached an agreement with Barcelona president Montal when they suddenly changed their minds — they kept Cruyff and sacked Weisweiler.

SHOOT: Didn't you have any reservations about joining the Cosmos, despite that fabulous figure of ten million marks?

BECKENBAUER: Oh yes. Actually, I think they tried to sign Kevin Keegan, but when he turned down their offer they approached me. At first, I refused as well, but I asked for time to think. I wanted to play in next year's World Cup, and for that reason I was very reluctant to leave Germany.

SHOOT: At first everyone said the German team would be finished without Franz Beckenbauer, but they got some good results on their South American tour, didn't they?

BECKENBAUER: Yes, I'm very pleased about that. Let's face it, they had to play without me at some time. Now they've proved West Germany can play and win without Beckenbauer.

SHOOT: Is your international career definitely finished?



FRANZ BECKENBAUER

Former captain of World Champions West Germany, and inheritor of the great Pele's mantle at Cosmos.

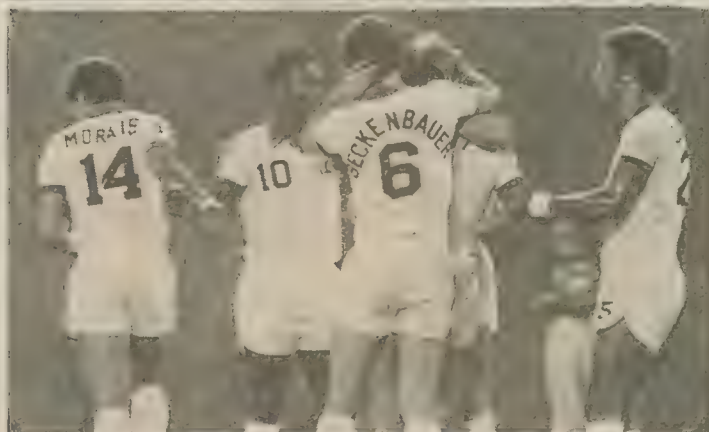


On top of the world . . . that's Franz Beckenbauer.

'I WAS SURPRISED HOW POPULAR SOCCER IS IN THE STATES'



Franz acknowledges the cheers of the crowd.



Goal . . . and the Cosmos are on their way to being 1977 Champions.

BECKENBAUER: Being logical, yes I suppose it is. It's a pity we lost in my last match against France. But I can't have any regrets about my playing career in Germany. I've won just about everything there is to be won, both with Bayern and with the national team, and now a Championship medal with the Cosmos.

SHOOT: Are you finished as a top class player?

BECKENBAUER: Oh no. I know I'm 31, but I think I'm still on top form. I have a very economical style of play, and also a sweeper's job is less strenuous than being a striker or a midfielder. I could have continued at top level for another two or three years, and I think the Cosmos are getting good value for money out of me.

SHOOT: Have you any idea what you'll do when your contract runs out?

BECKENBAUER: Not really. Perhaps I'll go back to Germany, but a lot of things can change in four or five years.

SHOOT: Have you got any leisure-time interests that could interest you commercially?

BECKENBAUER: No. Basically I live a quiet life, though I do like travelling. I like being with my family. Since I've been here in New York I've been going out rather more than usual because I've a fair amount of publicity work to do. Also, looking for somewhere to live in this vast city is a lengthy process. We're also trying to discover New York little by little.

SHOOT: What are your impressions so far of American soccer?

BECKENBAUER: Frankly, I was surprised how popular soccer is out here. In Germany people had told me it was only a minority interest. Well, at the moment that may be true, but some of the attendances are very encouraging. Also the Americans have a habit of turning out Champions in almost every sport they play, so I don't see why they shouldn't do the same with football. Certainly no one can complain about the working conditions out here.

SHOOT: What's the standard of soccer like?

BECKENBAUER: It's difficult to make direct comparisons. It's just different. Pele and the others have given me some help in understanding that the crowd appreciates different facets of play out here. Make no mistake, with the quality players we've got in the U.S., soccer isn't the "piece of cake" most people think it is. And I had a big thrill after helping the Cosmos to win the U.S. Championship.

FRANZ'S PROBLEMS

It was a great season for Franz Beckenbauer and the Cosmos . . . but the West German star still has one or two problems.

Beckenbauer, 31, finds it hard to prepare mentally for matches. He says: "On boarding the team coach I take a seat at the back to get in the right frame of mind."

"Then, Mifflin will start to sing a samba, accompanied by Pele with a rhythm. Soon, all the South Americans are at it and I even find myself tapping my feet."

'TWO DISASTER NIGHTS FOR SCOTLAND'

THE newspaper headline screamed: "Disaster Night!" That was the headline in the Wednesday's paper after Dundee United had gone out of the U.E.F.A. Cup to little known BK Copenhagen, and Partick Thistle and Motherwell had been beaten in the Anglo-Scottish Cup-ties against Bristol City and Notts County respectively.

The newspaper could have used that headline again the following day because that, too, was a disaster night for Scotland. My own club Rangers went out to Holland's Twente Enschede and Aberdeen lost to Belgium's RWD Molenbeek.

Those two disaster nights for Scotland will take a lot of living down.

This is the second successive season Rangers have gone out in the First Round, and I can tell you everyone at Ibrox is seething. I missed the second-leg match in Holland after we had drawn 0-0 at Ibrox in the first game of our European Cup-Winners' Cup-tie.

I was injured and had to stay at home for treatment so I didn't see the game "live", but I did watch the recorded TV highlights later on that night. Actually, a newspaper friend of mine had arranged to keep me in touch with the action in Holland.

He 'phoned to let me know it was 1-0 for the Dutch after 34 minutes. My immediate impression was Rangers could still get through. One goal would have given them the advantage on the "away goals counting double" rule. In fact, any scoring draw would have taken us through.

When the telephone went again I knew Rangers were out . . . nothing could prevent that from happening. This time I was told we were 3-0 down and that was the end of a European dream for another season at least.

Twente are a very good side. They are strong and capable and break very well from defence into attack. Yet it could have been so different. Rangers had chances at Ibrox to build up a good lead, but we just couldn't get the ball into the net.

In the second-leg I thought we were playing fairly well from what I

saw on TV until that first goal. Then the Dutch scored another shortly afterwards through Arnold Muhren and that gave them a 2-0 half-time advantage.

Obviously it's difficult to get back into the game after suffering those two blows, but Rangers tried hard after the interval. It was unsuccessful, though, and Twente scored

another with a powerful 18-yard shot from Kirk van der Vall. To complete a thoroughly miserable night for Rangers Alex Miller missed a penalty near the end.

While Rangers were going out in Holland, Aberdeen were making their exit at Pittodrie against RWD Molenbeek in the U.E.F.A. Cup. This really was a shock result. Aber-

deen had drawn 0-0 away from home and looked set to complete the job on their own territory.

The Belgians, though, have a good reputation away from home and they showed exactly why against The Dons. They played the containing game as Aberdeen came at them right from the kick-off.

Like Twente they were good on the break and that is how they scored their first goal shortly after the interval. An Aberdeen attack broke down, the Belgians worked the ball up the right side of the field and when the cross came over Gorez headed it past Bobby Clark.

Drew Jarvie made it 1-1 after a mistake by the 'keeper, but Aberdeen knew they needed another goal to prevent defeat. I watched this game on TV, too, and I must say I felt sorry for Billy McNeill's men. They didn't have much luck around the penalty box and they were caught out when the Belgians broke away again and scored another through Wellens.

And that was that! Now Scotland's European hopes rest on Celtic in the Champions' Cup. The Parkhead men never seemed to be in any trouble against the amateurs of Jeunesse Esch, of Luxembourg. They won the first-leg 5-0 in Glasgow and added another six away from home to go through on an 11-1 aggregate.

Last year the four Scottish clubs in Europe, ourselves, Celtic, Hearts and Hibs, didn't get past the Second Round. Now three have fallen at the First and obviously that is a statistic that doesn't keep anyone in Scotland happy.

Success in Europe means a lot to everyone North of the border. It is vitally important to a small nation such as ours. Mistakes have been made and we must learn our lessons . . . immediately! This failure cannot be allowed to go on. I think we will be better prepared next year. I sincerely hope so, anyway.

That's all for this week. I'll see you all in a fortnight. Take care . . .

Tartan
Talk
JOHN GREIG



Arnold Muhren (centre) scores for Twente Enschede against Rangers in Holland.

TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK

THERE were many rumours circulating in Scotland about who was to take Kenny Dalglish's place in the Celtic first team after his massive £440,000 transfer to Liverpool just before the start of the season.

All sorts of names were being thrown about in speculative transfer deals. Don Masson, Willie Pettigrew, Tommy Craig and many others were being linked with the Parkhead team, but manager Jock

Stein decided to play it cool and he pinned his faith on a young, red-haired boy who was more used to the grey life in the reserves than the glamour and colour of a first team place with Celtic.

That player is **TOMMY BURNS**, one of Scotland's stand-out stand-ins. He has saved Celtic a huge transfer fee and although it is unfair to compare him with Dalglish at the moment there is no doubt Burns is headed in the right direction.

"The next time you are not in the first team will be because you have been dropped ... not rested." That was the message from Stein to Burns a year ago and the talented midfielder has accepted the challenge.

Burns, who has already represented Scotland at Under-21 level, is a skilful, delicate player. He uses the ball well and reads situations superbly. However, he will be the first to admit he doesn't score anything like the amount of goals he should be notching up.

In the Premier Division game against Clydebank at Parkhead, Burns had an outstanding 90 minutes, spraying well-judged passes all over the pitch. Yet highlighting his failure in front of goal was a dreadful miss from only five yards out when, with the 'keeper beaten, he sidefooted the ball past the post.

Stein has encouraged Burns to have a go, but, at the same time, the Celtic supremo gave his youngster a ticking-off for being too selfish after a League Cup match against Motherwell at Fir Park.

Celtic won 4-2 and Burns was on target with an unstoppable shot after Paul Wilson had set up the opportunity. Boosted by that goal, Burns had another chance later on, but was unsuccessful with his parting shot.

The Celtic boss let Burns know in no uncertain terms he should have laid that ball off to Wilson, who was in a better scoring position. This is all part of Burns' maturing into a regular first team man at Parkhead.

Celtic haven't had far to look for their problems this season, but there can be no doubt once Burns, Alfie Conn, Roy Aitken, Joe Craig, Ronnie Glavin and Danny McGrain begin to blend they will again become a team to be feared and admired.

Burns is playing his part. He is no longer a stand-in, but a key man in the present Celtic set up. That is why Stein has been in no rush to part with huge sums of money in his search for a replacement.

He has paid out £85,000 for Tom McAdam, from Dundee United, and around £25,000 for John Dowie, from Fulham, but he knows if Burns progresses as expected there will be no need to splash out for a player in the midfield department.

Another Celt who is earning the reputation as a super stand-out stand-in is former Hearts utility



Tommy Burns (left) and Roy Kay (above, hoops) have played well for Celtic when called upon.

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says Fleming. "I've always had respect for Mr McNeill, both as a player and a manager.

"He gives everyone confidence and he certainly knows what he is looking for. By the way, I think he must be psychic or something like that. Twice this season he has come up to me before a game and told me I will score two goals.

"And what happened? I have gone out and scored twice in both games. Amazing! I suppose he gives you the confidence to have a bash when he says something like that. I don't mind if he comes up before EVERY game and tells me I'll score two goals!"

Fleming has already scored one of the goals of the season so far in a League match against Champions Celtic at Pittodrie. He scored the first goal with a low shot that bounced in off a post. That made the score 1-1, but his winning goal combined his sharpness and his courage.

Joe Harper eluded Andy Lynch on the right-wing and swung a high ball into the Celtic penalty-area. Goalkeeper Peter Latchford came off his line in an effort to cut



Jim O'Rourke (above, light strip) moved to Motherwell from St. Johnstone.

well and Hamilton has been forced to wait his turn in the reserves. "Who says Rangers don't give youth a chance?" says manager Jack Wallace.

"Look at the forward-line we played against Aberdeen at Pittodrie, for instance. We had Billy McKay on the right-wing with Bobby Russell in the number eight jersey. Derek Parlane and Chris Robertson led the line with Davie Cooper on the left-wing. Derek Parlane was the oldest ... and he's only 24!

"Our policy at Ibrox is if you are good enough you are old enough. It's as simple as that. Young Russell has fitted into our team like he has been there all his life. It's good to see and it encourages all the younger players to make an effort to force their way into the top team. That sort of competition keeps everyone on their toes."

Motherwell's midfield has been flooded with all sorts of players over the past two seasons. Alex Spark, Harry Hood, Vic Davidson, Jimmy Millar, Stewart McLaren, Tommy O'Neill and JIMMY O'ROURKE are just seven of the players who have been tried in this role.

Spark and Hood have since been given free transfers and McLaren is playing in a more defensive role beside centre-half Willie McVie and sweeper Gregor Stevens. O'Rourke is still there, though, and he is still trying to pin down a permanent place in Willie McLean's line-up.

O'Rourke, in fact, must be one of Scotland's most reliable stand-ins. He started his career with Hibs and played in the midfield and attack. Beside Alan Gordon he provided a goalscoring double-act to terrorise any defence.

Then he moved to St. Johnstone where he stayed for two seasons before going to Motherwell. Things haven't worked out as planned at Fir Park, however, for the chunky, versatile star.

He spends most of his time on the substitutes' bench where manager McLean knows his versatile talent can be used anywhere in the team in case of emergency.

Ayr United goalkeeper ANDY GEOGHEGAN is another who knows all about life as a stand-in. He left Aberdeen because he was fed up playing second fiddle to Bobby Clark. He moved to Somerset Park where he went straight into the first team. Now, though, Andy is in and out of the first team, alternating with Hugh Sproat.

"Reserve team football is no good to me at this stage in my career," says Andy. "Unfortunately, my wife hasn't settled in Ayr and I would like to move back up North.

"There was talk of a West German club being interested in me, but nothing came of it. My wife and I might have liked life on the Continent, but it wasn't to be and now I would like to shift back 'home' again."

Geoghegan has already proved he is first team material. He played well in the League match against Rangers this season at Ibrox and interested buyers must have been impressed. Andy, however, stresses he doesn't want to be a super stand-in if he moves to another club. He wants to have a stand-in for himself!

STAND-OUT STAND-INS

player ROY KAY, who was given a shock free transfer last season and swiftly snapped up by Stein.

Kay made his Celtic debut in the disastrous 2-1 League defeat from Ayr United at Somerset Park, but, even in this game, he showed some clever touches in the left-back position. Kay has taken over from Andy Lynch several times this season while the regular defender has been injured.

His form has been applauded by the fans and Lynch knows he has a tough fight on his hands to hold down that first team spot.

Aberdeen picked up over £100,000 when they transferred left-winger Arthur Graham to Leeds United this season. Manager Billy McNeill scoured the transfer market in a bid to sign a replacement, but his cash has been saved by the brilliance of JOHN McMASTER, who has taken over Graham's old role.

"John is doing exactly what Arthur did in the first team," says McNeill. "He does a lot of good running on the left hand side of the field and is the sort of unselfish player who will come back and take the weight off the defence."

McMaster is flourishing under the expert guidance of McNeill. So, too, is former Kilmarnock attacker IAN FLEMING, who was merely a stand-in last season whenever anyone was injured.

"I'm really enjoying this term,"



Ian Fleming has scored one of the best goals of the season so far — for Aberdeen against Celtic.

it out and Roddie MacDonald was there to back him up. Fleming, however, dived in between Latchford and MacDonald to get his head to the ball and send it soaring into the net.

One goalkeeper who is earning rave notices whenever he stands in is Partick Thistle's BILLY THOMSON, who plays in the shadow of international star Alan Rough at Firhill.

Partick manager Bertie Auld dropped Rough for a spell this season and Thomson was brought in. He played in the two League Cup games against Dundee United and conceded only one goal.

"I have the utmost confidence in Billy," says Auld. "He is the main reason I will listen to realistic offers for Alan Rough.

"Obviously I want to keep my best players at Firhill, but Alan has made it clear he wants to move and I don't want to stand in his way. I know, though, that Billy Thomson will be able to slot right into his place if he goes.

"I suppose Thistle are lucky to have two such capable goalkeepers on our books. And, remember, they are both internationals. Alan, of course, is in the top side while Billy has played for the Under-21 team. That can't be bad, can it?"

Across Glasgow at Ibrox young BOBBY RUSSELL is the stand-in who looks as though he is in the first team to stay! He took over Johnny Hamilton's midfield role at the start of the season and a lot of people thought it would be a short term arrangement.

However, Bobby has settled in

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S quiz time



1. (a) Paul Bradshaw (Blackburn), (b) Martyn Busby (below, Notts County), (c) Derek Hales (Derby) were involved in transfer deals recently... can you name their new clubs?

2. How many clubs in the Scottish Second Division?

3. Sheffield United recently sacked their manager. Can you name him?

4. Which League clubs headed their respective Divisions after the games played on Saturday, October 1st?

5. Before his transfer to Hull City during last season, Billy Bremner (right, light shirt) scored 82, 92 or 102 goals in 586 League appearances for Leeds United?

6. Can you select the striker from the following — Joe Wark (Motherwell), Donald Hunter (St. Mirren), Joe Craig (Celtic)?



7. Ipswich Town progressed to the Second Round of the U.E.F.A. Cup recently when they beat Landskrona of Sweden 6-0 on aggregate. Did (a) Paul Mariner, Trevor Why-mark or Clive Woods score five goals overall and (b) how many did he score in the second-leg at Portman Road?

8. Celtic also moved into the next round of the European Cup when they beat Jeunesse Esch of Luxembourg 11-1 on aggregate? What was the result of the first-leg at Parkhead?

9. Which one of these three clubs have won a European trophy — Manchester City, Aston Villa or Aberdeen?

10. Can you name the Scottish club that played in the English F.A. Cup Finals of 1884 and 1885, losing on both occasions to Blackburn Rovers?

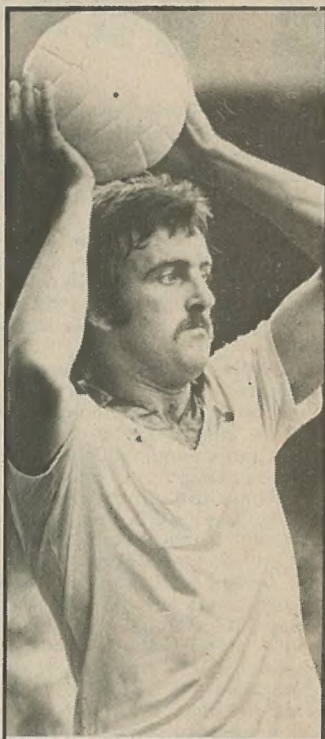
11. Which club did Lammie Robertson (far left) leave to join First Division Leicester City recently?

12. From which countries do the following clubs come — (a) Lens, (b) RWD Molenbeek and (c) Schalke 04?

13. Nottingham Forest boss Brian Clough has had a controversial career to date. Did his reign as manager of Leeds United last 24, 34 or 44 days?

14. Which club was the last from the Third Division to appear in the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals?

15. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of a Newcastle United full-back... VGRIN ATNSTASR.



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GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Brian Little. (7) No. (8) Am. (10) Richards. (13) Centre. (15) Not. (16) Ears. (17) Me. (18) Cow. (19) Rad. (20) Pegged. (21) Two. (23) Level. (26) Sir. (27) Lay. (29) Ode. (30) Straw. (31) Old. (32) We. (33) Reaney.

DOWN:— (1) Black Cats. (2) In. (3) Aorta. (4) Laces. (5) Turned. (6) Eastville. (9) Me. (11) Irregular. (12) Do. (14) Newport. (17) Made. (19) Rely. (22) Wise. (24) Vole. (25) Eddy. (28) Awe. (31) On.
Jumbled Name: PHIL BOYER.



Norwich's Roger Gibbins beats Geoff Merrick of Bristol City to score the only goal of the game.

THE 'VETERAN' WHO HOPES TO WIN HONOURS



Martin Peters
of Norwich City

DON'T write off Norwich City this season — that's the warning Martin Peters sends to clubs and critics throughout the land. Peters, 33, has put his signature to a new, two-year contract with the East Anglian club — and he hotly denies suggestions Norwich might struggle for most of those two years.

Peters, the man providing most of the experience in John Bond's team, says flatly: "I know we haven't signed a big name star during the summer or so far this season. And I know we sold Phil Boyer to Southampton. But that doesn't particularly worry me because there are still several good players at this club."

"The club sold Boyer because they had to — they needed the money. They are a club that believe in making ends meet and I heartily agree with them. What is the point of putting yourself thousands of pounds into debt in times like these? If you want to buy big-name players, you've got to pay big fees. And we don't have that sort of cash spare at Carrow Road. But it doesn't mean we shall struggle this season — we've still got lots of ability."

That's Peters reply to the critics who suggest Norwich may lose their cherished First Division spot this season — after several years of struggling

to make an impact in the higher Division.

Peters continues: "The players are looking for a place in the top six by the end of this season. And if we get everyone fit and steer clear of major injuries, we could just do it. With Graham Paddon and Mick McGuire fit and well, we shall look more formidable than we do at the moment. Kevin Reeves is going to be a very good player and he is only one of several with that sort of promise at the club. And if we qualify for next season's U.E.F.A. Cup competition, I'll have another honour to aim for in my last season."

Peters believes Norwich's main problem last season was the defensive record. "We gave away too many stupid goals," he said. "We are always dangerous around the opposition's penalty-area but we gave away goals too often last season and that's something you cannot afford to do in the First Division."

"Our club is very much like West Ham — maybe that's understandable with John Bond as boss. We have suffered at the back from time to time — rather like West Ham — but, as everything is moulded like The Hammers, we have great ability and are quite capable of beating anyone. Look at our record against a side like Liverpool, for instance — that's a good example of what we can do if we put our minds to it."

Peters concludes: "To play the game is the great thing and when you're sitting in the stand, you are very conscious of that fact. But I want to stay in football when I finish playing and I shall be looking to manager-ship. I think I have something to offer to someone but I don't doubt it'll be mighty hard. If someone like Bobby Moore has found it hard to break in and get a job, I shall be under no illusions about the task I face in finding one. I just hope things might be easier in two years time and I will be able to find something somewhere."

"In the meantime, I will carry on doing what I enjoy most — playing the game."

THE YOUNG HOPEFUL WHO BELIEVES A CHANGE OF CLUB HERALDS BIG THINGS

Leicester started the season with a well deserved 0-0 draw at Manchester City.



Alan Waddle
Leicester City's
new signing



GIANT Alan Waddle is bursting with enthusiasm to break through into the big time.

The six-foot, four-inch tall striker is determined to make an impact after his £45,000 move from Liverpool to Leicester City.

In four seasons on Merseyside Waddle was unable to fulfil the potential he showed as a teenager when Bill Shankly went across the Pennines to lift him from the doldrums of Third Division obscurity with Halifax Town.

Waddle, who's still only 23, believes he can become one of the country's most feared strikers once he gets back into the rhythm of first team football again.

Said Alan: "It was hard to leave a club like Liverpool, but I consider myself to have a first team future. So in the end I jumped at the chance of coming to Leicester as it provides me with the opportunity to really make the grade."

Since Waddle joined Liverpool he has played most of his football in the reserves. Last season he scored 27 goals in the Central League, but as Liverpool boss Bob Paisley continued to scour the country for new players Waddle realised he was not going to be given a run in the First Division.

The move to Leicester begins another chapter in Waddle's unusual soccer background. Born in New-

castle, he joined Halifax when he was seventeen as a professional.

Although he made a quick impact with the Yorkshire side he almost gave the game up.

Alan explained: "When I was at Halifax I was really stupid. I just didn't realise what I was doing. I was a naive teenager who quickly became homesick for the North-East."

"I got myself into a spot of bother and my decision to quit the game was rash. Fortunately I was able to put that behind me and the next thing that happened was being signed by Liverpool."

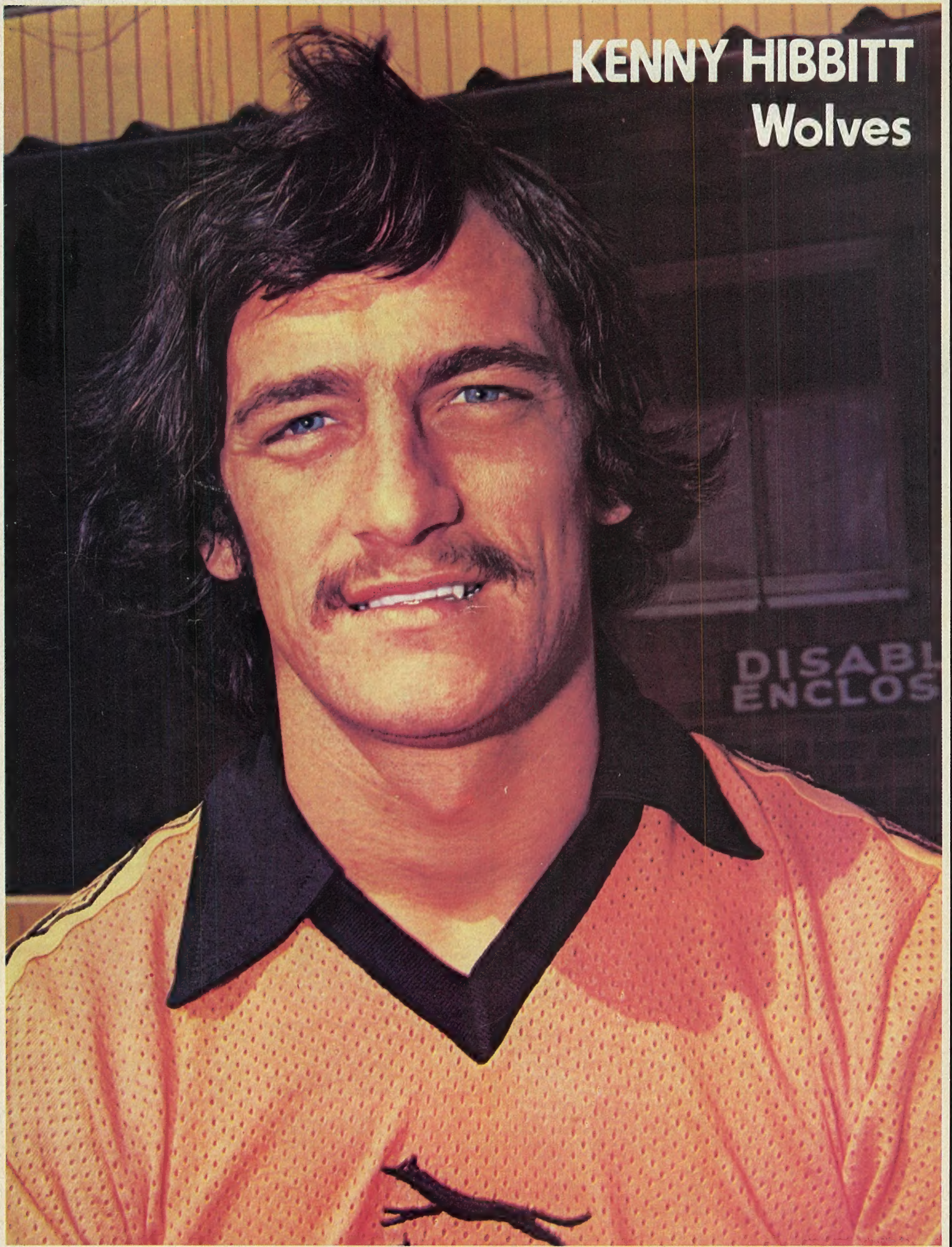
"I was a little bit overawed leaving a club with very small crowds to play in front of the Liverpool Kop. It was too much to take in all at once and so I took quite a while to settle down."

Frank McLintock was delighted with the signing. "Alan is a bustling striker who can really bring some fire to our attack. At 23 he is still young enough to develop into a great player," he said.

One thing is certain — if determination and sheer enthusiasm counts for anything, Waddle will soon establish himself as a regular goalscorer in Division One.

KENNY HIBBITT

Wolves



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